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TUSKEGEE ANNUAL NEGRO CONFERENCE

Which Convened at Tuskegee, Ala., Makes the Greatest Day of All the Year—Prominent Visitors Present.

THE OBJECTS AND RESULTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

Reports From the Several Counties—Great Good is Predicted—The Outlook for the Future is Bright—An Instutution That is Shaping Individuals for Higher and Truer Citizenship.

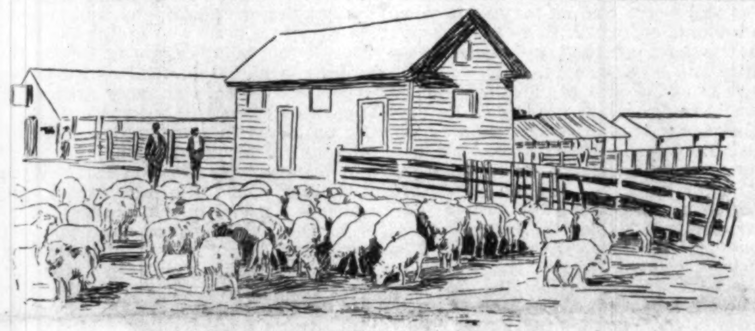
First Day's Session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, clipped from the "Montgomery Advertiser."

This was the seventh annual meeting of the Tuekegee (Ala.) Negro Conference.

When the first conference was held, six years ago, no one dreamed that it was to grow into such a power for good among the masses of the people. Rev. Dr. Whiton, of The Outlook, New York City, Dr. Abbott's paper, said last year, when he was here that he considered the conference idea the greatest agency for the uplifting of the common people that had been tried since the war. It is rapidly taking possession of the entire South and has even found great favor at the North. More than fifty local conferences have been permanently organized in Alabama alone during the last year. Many of these have regular meetings once a month. Booker Washington calls the conference the school of the parents and grown sons and daughters.

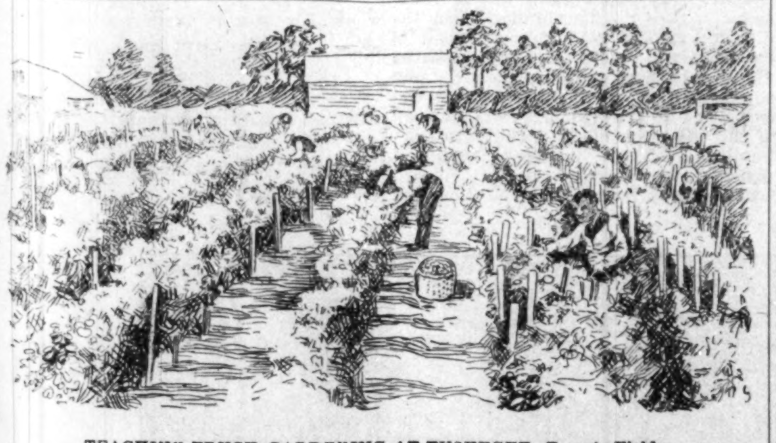
The annual conference at Tuskegee is the greatest day of all the year. Lessons learned and inspirations received are never forgotten. Not only those who come are benefitted, but delegates and all who return tell the story of what they have seen and heard and the great school is spread into nearly every nook and corner of the South.

Mr. Washington called the conference to order at 10 a. m. Rev. Silas Jones read the Scriptures, the Conference hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," was sung and Brother Jeter, of Cowles Station, offered prayer. The day was most beautiful. The roads were never better.

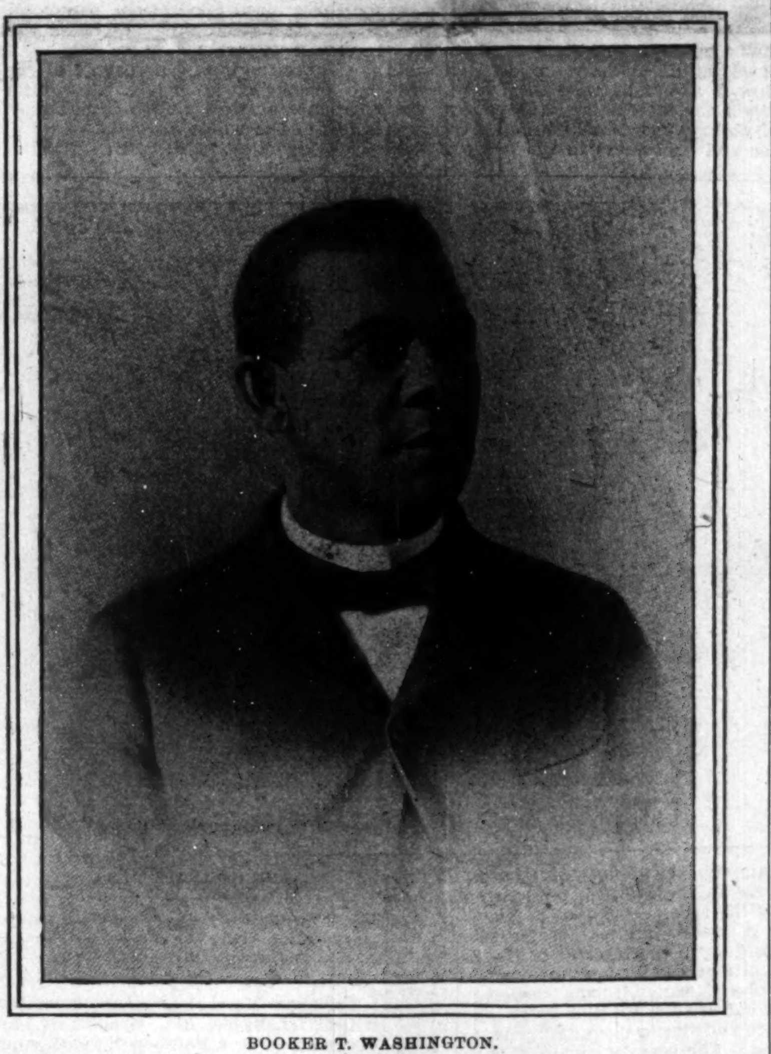

A FLOCK OF SHEEP AT TUSKEGEE.

The following is a partial list of the more prominent people from abroad:

Mr. E. L. Goodrich, Hampton Institute, Va.; Mr. W. L. Brown, Hampton Institute, Va.; Dr. G. W. Hubbard, Dean of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.; Principal Goodwin, of the Walker Baptist Institute, Augusta, Ga.; Principal Ernest L. Latham, Orange Park Normal School, Orange Park, Fla.; President Edward L. Blackshear, Principal State Normal School, Prairie View, Tex.; Prof. Holmes, Prairie View, Tex.; Dr. J. Seth Hills. Jacksonville, Fla.; colored physician; Prof. L. S. Clark, President Georgia State Teachers' Association, Athens, Ga.; Rev. J. W. McDonald, Principal State Normal School, Plymouth, N, C.; Dr. W. P. Thirkield, President Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. Charles Stewart, Vicksburg, Miss., newspaper correspondent; Prof. Edgar H. Webster, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. W. H. Council, President A. and M. College for Negroes, Normal, Ala.; Rev. W. H. Mixon, Selma, Ala., Presiding Elder of the A. M. E. church; Rev. Roderick Stebbins, Milton, Mass., Unitarian Minister; Miss Mary E. Holmes, Mary Holmes's Seminary, West Point, Miss.; Rev. Mr. Holmes, Mary Holmes's Seminary, West Point, Miss.; Mr. Henry D. Smith and wife, Plantersville, Conn. Mr. Smith was one of the first trustees of the institution and is one of its most generous donors; Miss M. B. Peckham, Spellman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss E. O. Werden, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss M. F. Whittier, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss H. A. Woodard, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Jos. M. Henderson, President Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. Jos. A. Booker, President Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. H. T. Kealing, Editor A. M. E. Church Review, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bishop Abram Grant, of the A. M. E. church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hon. J. C. Leftwich, Receiver of Public Moneys, Montgomery, Ala.; Prof. W. J. Edwards, Snow Hill, Ala.; Miss Cornelia Bowen, Mt. Meigs, Ala.; Prof. F. S. Hitchcock, Supt. of Manual Training, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo, Miss.; Prof. Edgar A. Bishop, Supt. of Agriculture, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.; Miss Florence A. Frew, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.; Miss Mary K. Humphries, Talladega, Ala.; Mrs. Perry C. Walker, lady principal Clinton Institute, Rock Hill, S. C.; Rev. H. H. Proctor, pastor First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. M. B. Thrasher, correspondent New England newspapers, Boston, Mass.; Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Merriman, Worcester, Mass., pastor of a large Congregational church; Mr. F. L. Tayler, Boston, Mass.; Hon. R. L. Smith, Oakland, Texas, member of State Legislature of Texas; Mr. Geo. Pratt, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Pratt is a son of Mr. Charles Pratt, the founder of the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Prof. E. H. Woodford, Principal Manassas Industrial School, Manassas, Virginia; Mrs. Lucy Thurman, National Organizer of the W. C. T. U., Jackson, Mich.; Miss Georgia Washington, with teacher People's School, Mt. Meigs, Ala.; Mr. R. O. Simpson, Furman, Ala. Mr. Simpson is a large white planter in Wilcox County, Alabama, and is a trustee of the Tuskegee Institute; President R. R. Wright, of the Georgia State Industrial School, near Savannah, Ga.; Rev. George Sale, President of the Atlanta Baptist College; Mr. G. M. Guest, Paris, Texas; Dr. Charles B. Spahn, editor The Outlook, New York; Rev. Charles F. Meserve, president Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. Troyar, Calhoun Colored School, Calhoun, Ala.; Rev. Silas Jones, Marion, Ala.; President Melvin, Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.; Profs. S. M. and C. M. Wells, Eufaula, Ala.; Rev. Dr. Pettiford, President Colored Bank, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. G. W. McClellan, Memphis, Tenn.


TEACHING TRUCK GARDENING AT TUSKEGEE—Tomato Field.

In addition to these there is an unusual large number of teachers of the smaller schools from many parts of the South. The farmers, with their families of little boys and girls, in many cases, are here in large numbers. One old lady, with her head handkerchief on, was heard to say, "Chile, look a here; I never was on dese ground afore. I'se been by 'em, but I didn't know as dey would let us all in. I'se heven a good time." Last night so many came in that Mr. Washington, after having put three in a bed and, in one instance, thirteen in a single room, called upon students who were willing to vacate their rooms and places at the table to strangers to do so. Nearly every hand went up. Many students slept on benches, or sat up and dozed around the fire till morning. Many of the poorest of the people were present this year. Some were very poorly clad. One old white haired man and many of the women had their heads wrapped in cloths to keep out the cold. Some of them looked a little strange and out of their element when they first entered the pavilion, but Mr. Washington's bright word of assurance that they had been saving up coffee and other food things for them, and that they were to take charge of everything, while they were present, brought laughter and good cheer, and they were soon thoroughly at home.


BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Booker Washington, in a short opening address, spoke in part, as follows: "I want every one to come with the idea of getting something to make him better off than when he came here. Only a few of those we want to help are here, but if each one comes to make himself stronger and goes home to help others he will do great good. If we come simply to have a good time, we shal fail. We shall not have time for a large number to speak. We want you to get the spirit of those meetings. Don't feel that you have accomplished nothing if you did not speak. Get hold of two or three central ideas.

"First—We want a general movement among our people to get land. Last year a man said he had only six feet of land and he had to die to get that. I wonder if he has got that land yet? A voice, "No, he ain't got it yet; he's here, all right." We are often too ambitious and try to get too much land. If we can't get several hundred acres, often we won't get any. Get a little and pay for it. Get a home and stop this moving from place to place. You do not live anywhere, but simply stay. The women are getting tired of being dragged about. A voice, "Yes, we is." I heard of a family that moved so often that every New Year's the chickens came up and crossed their legs to be tied. Land is cheap in Alabama, there is government land, of which we will tell you, that you can get for nothing.

"Second—Get the idea that you can have a decent home. Don't marry simply to get another plow hand. Stop living in cabins with no doors or windows and the chimney tumbled down. Don't eat, sleep, live and die all in one room. Many of you go to town on Saturday and do a lot of big talk and then go home and blame your wives because things are not as they ought to be. You are not doing your duty by your families. Your sons and your daughters go away from home because you have no decent place for them to live in. Make home attractive and they will not leave you.

"Third—Raise something to eat. You go to town every Saturday with your wagon empty and come back with it full. Carry your wagon full to town and come back with something in your pocketbook. Some of you are farmers and even buy your watermelons and light wood in town. Raise your meat, vegetables, corn and fruit and you will have something to eat. The merchant will be glad to see you when you come to him with money in your pocket with which to buy, not meat, but things to make your families comfortable.

"Fourth—Improve your school houses, put in black boards, seats and a good teacher. Have him stay with you, not move from place to place. Lengthen your school term. You must learn to make sacrifices. You buy cheap jewelery, bogus gold eye-glasses, big clocks that don't run, sewing machines that you can't use or pay for, big organs that you can't play and have no house to shelter. First get a home. Don't buy anything that you can do without, till you get a home. No one will do so much harm as a bad teacher or preacher. They are models for your children. What the preacher and teacher do the children will do. We have a splendid chance to improve and make of ourselves a great people. Cultivate the spiritual side of life. Be good christians. These conferences are trying to clear the way for the higher things. We are going to keep on till you all get land."

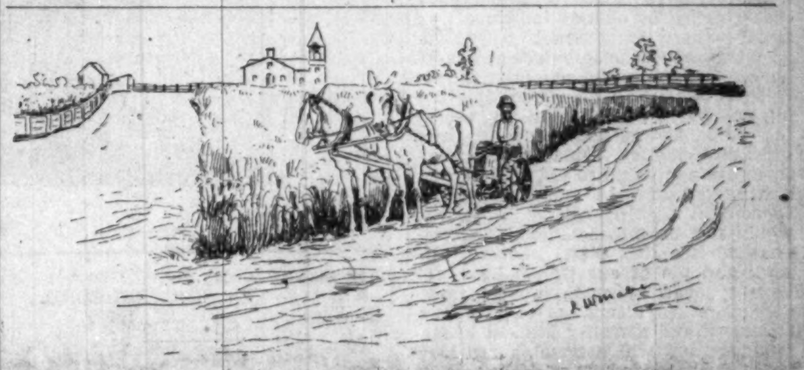
While the committee on declarations were out J. T. Wright, of Bullock county, said: We are prospering some, but we hope to do better. Not many getting land. Nearly all mortgaging."

Creek Stand, Macon county, made a good report. They have a conference that meets every week. About 2,000 acres of land are owned. The people are quiet and peaceable. They try to good condition morally. They have built a good school-house and extended the term.

Rev. Robt. Harrison, of Macon county, said the conference had made a good impression on his community.

At this point an earnest discussion was started as to the use of tobacco, snuff and whiskey. One woman said she had used snuff, tobacco and whiskey for twenty-three years and then stopped. She said she never considered her husband had a woman he could call his wife until she stopped the use of these things. "Now," she said, "he can call me wife."

Society Hill reported a monthly conference, debts being reduced, gardens being made, 1,810 acres owned by eighteen families, with thirty-nine mules, a steam gin and four and a half cane mills, a white man owning the other half, churches and schools very good and improving. It was shown that a good many of the colored people own and operate cotton gins and grist mills.


MOWING HAY AT TUSKEGEE.

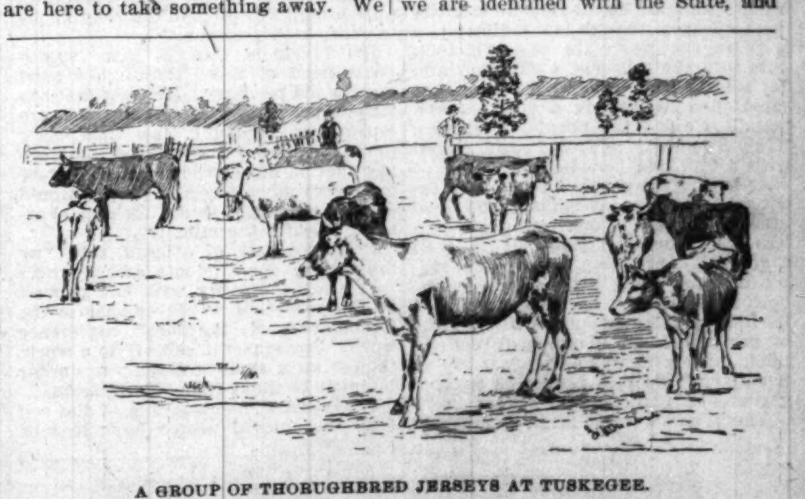
Albert Woods, of Eufaula, Ala., a young planter owning 600 acres of land all paid for, made a most ringing speech. He represented the masses as in such bad condition that the minority are frightened for their own safety. One man said, "De people down dar is so poor dey ha'dly got chickens to crow for daylight." Another said "Dose two brethren told de eternal truth." One man said, "Some men borrow $5 at Christmas time, and when they have mortgaged everything else, mortgage their wives to pay it." Another said, "In my community we are cursed with home-made teachers." One taught our school for twenty years and there are not ten students there that can do a thing. At last we got rid of him and now we are doing better."

Mrs. Tyson, of Society Hill, Ala., said: "We are so poor we can't give a stranger a decent meal in our community. De mortgage system done et us up. I formed a resolution not to mortgage. I has got one hog dis year. Dey has got one mortgage on me, but dey will not get another."

Willie Ligon said: "Alabama has got the head colored man in the country, and I want her to be the head State in the Union."

Perry and Barbour counties reported many poor teachers. One minister said he ran a farm as well as a church. A man from Lee said: "In my section we don't know day is broke but I am going home to tell them the sun is going to rise directly."

Miss Cornelia Brown, a graduate of the first class, sent out from Tuskegee and for ten years principal of the Mt. Meigs Institute, made a most eloquent plea for better things. She said, "You are here to take something away. We have the life of a race in jeopardy. You don't use your time right. I heard about taking a few acres of land at the conference. I did so last year. I rented three acres. I paid $7.50 out for it. I had it plowed deep with a two-horse plow. I had no lazy man betwen the handles. We don't do our work as it should be done. I had this cotton ploughed and hoed four times. I sat there and saw it done. I raised 900 pounds of cotton which I sold for $50. My expenses were $19.50 so that I cleared $30.50 from the three acres of land, not counting my own time. I had besides several rows of corn and many pumpkins growing on this ground. We are here at great expense of time and money and I hope you may all take something away that will do you good. Teachers too often let the people lead them instead of leading the people. In our community we have collected $530 since last Ocber, $400 for the school and $130 for the minister. Some of you say you cannot extend your school terms. We must learn to do for ourselves. Take the last five cents out of your pocket if need be. We cannot be respected till we learn to do something. White men will not respect you. I would not respect you myself. If you cannot get land in one place go to another."


A GROUP OF THORUGHBRED JERSEYS AT TUSKEGEE.

The audience was deeply moved, many of them to tears. One woman, poorly clad and thin, rose and said, "thank God I am here to listen to that sister. Willie Cropper is my name and heaven is my home. I am the mother of sixteen children. Not a bone in me is lazy. My old man left me a year ago, I have been living in one room all my days. I raised ten of my children in that one room. There six of them died, and I'll leave you one of these mornings for I am nigh worn out. I am now seven miles from where I was born and raised. I made a $14 mortgage last year and times are so hard I have got to make a small one this year."

Very good reports were made from Mississippi. Georgia seemed to be much in the same condition as Alabama. One man from near Mariette said he made 1,735 gallons of syrup last year, plenty of meat for his use and vegetables to sell. He has $1,300 worth of property and a boy in Tuskegee.

Mr. Ingraham, of Georgie spoke of his education at Atlanta University through the kind offices of Hon. Alexander Stephens.

Tennessee made a good report.

The report from Texas will be given at a special meeting tonight. Reports from other Southern States will also be given. Nearly all are represented.

Hon. J. C. Leftwich greatly stirred the people by his appeal to them to buy land. He said, "now is the time. If you cannot buy land there are in the State of Alabama 500,000 acres of government land, 24,000 acres within a radius of sixty miles of Montgomery, 10,000 within twenty-five miles of Tuskegee, and 50,000 acres bordering on the Black Belt. Our only remedy is in buying land. Pick the hog bone to-day and let your wife make soup of it to-morrow, but buy land. When we own land we are identified with the State, and may have some hope of a share in controlling it. I came to the first Tuskegee conference, and I heard of this advice to buy land. I had a little moustache on my lip that day. I went home and shaved it off and made a vow that not another should grow on it until I owned some land. Now I have 240 acres, and will get more. I have been over these grounds to-day, and you have told me of this and that building placed here by some white man. I looked in vain for something placed here by a black man, and at last I saw on the sand some great big tracks, and these are all the Negro has put down.

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THE TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE

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But I want to say that the farmers of Montgomery county have organized, and they will pledge $200 toward a building here, if the other counties represented will pledge $50 each, and we will have a great building at Tuskegee, built by colored people.

Mrs. Peterson, of Cotton Valley, said the women of that section had resolved that they would wear no more mortgaged dresses.

Rev. Silas Jones, one of the pillars of the conference movement, now of Marion, Ala., told of his experience in his new home, and showed how the people will respond, though they are poor, to right methods and good instruction.

Rev. Dr. Mixon, of Selma, Ala., read some earnest resolutions bearing upon the work of the conference, looking toward making the movement universal in the South and urging the printing and distribution of literature with reference to it. Great interest was shown by all.

The following declarations, read early in the conference and discussed, section by section, were again read and unanimously adopted:

First—Wherever our people have been reached by outside influences ,we believe there is constant growth in acquiring education, building school houses, extending the school term, developing Christian character, improving and purifying the ministry, securing land, diversifying crops, raising fruit and poultry, replacing the one-room cabin, ceasing to mortgage crops, getting out of debt and living more economically. In saying this, we would not be misunderstood but emphasize the fact that, wherever the rank and file of our people have not been touched by some outside influence, their condition, as to property, education and morality is most unsatisfactory and will demand, for a long time, the earnest help and thought of the best people of our country.

Second—The possession, in much larger degree of the elements of strength enumerated above, we believe, will constitute the foundation for all higher rights and privileges of citizenship which every race should enjoy.

Third—Since 85 per cent. of our people, in the Gulf States, live by agriculture, we strongly urge that along with other forms of education, special stress be laid upon training in agriculture.

Fourth—We earnestly urge all to buy land, if only in small tracts, while it can be secured at a low price. We would especially call attention to the large amount of government land in the South, open to settlement.

Fifth—We deem it of vital importance that the educated young men and women bear in mind that thew owe it to the race to give to the most unfortunate the benefit of their education in every way possible.

Sixth—We urge that local Negro conferences, or other organizations with the same object, be formed throughout the South. We believe the holding of annual county fairs would prove most helpful. We strongly beseech our people not to be satisfied with their present condition, but to reach forward to something higher and better.

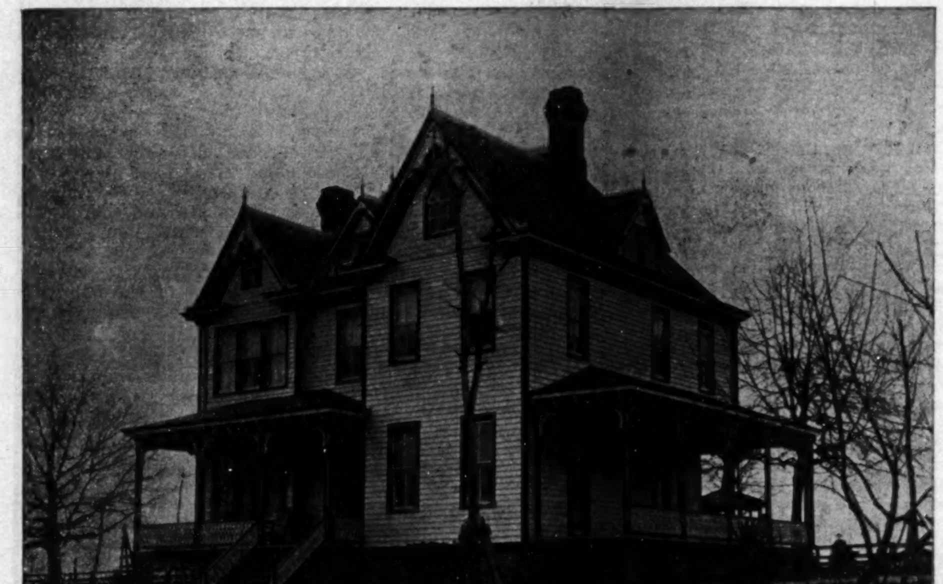
Bishop Grant, of A. M. E. church, was called upon for the closing words and the benediction. With rare eloquence and power he told of his presence here as a slave thirty-three years ago, of his visit at the dedication of Phelp's Hall and of his visit to-day. He asked for patience in the great problems of the day. He felt infinitely encouraged, though many difficulties were in the way. He said, "it took time to make a decent white man and not all are perfect yet. We need that same time in making a good colored man." He led the people in singing "The Sweet By and By," and closed with a touching benediction.

At least 2,000 people have been present to-day. A great majority of them are the farmers, representing more or less every Southern State. It has been a great day, probably the greatest single day for good, away down at the bottom of the race, ever experienced in its history. To encourage the making of gardens, Prof. Washington distributed, largely through the courtesy of Secretary Wilson, a packet of selected garden seeds to each one present.

There are a very large number of white and colored educators here representing all phases of education among the colored people. They will meet tomorrow and compare notes as to work being done in their various localities and tell of the conditions that surround them. It will be a very important meeting and will serve to gather up and make permanent the lessons learned from the needs and conditions of the masses of the people, as shown in the conference of to-day.

R. C. BEDFORD.

Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 23, 1898.



PRINO PAL'S RESIDENCE—Built by Students.

SECOND DAY.

Second Day's Session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference. Educator's Day. From the Montgomery Advertiser.

Yesterday was the day of the farmers at Tuskegee. To-day is given to the educators. The purpose of the day is to gather up and put into practical use the lessons learned from the experiences of yesterday. The following States are represented: Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Arkansas, Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin. Among the leading schools who have one or more representatives present are: Spellman seminary, Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary, Talladega College, Mary Holmes Seminary, Hampton Institute, Tongaloo University, Georgia State Industrial School, Shaw University. There are, besides a very large number of schools represented that are rapidly growing in power and usefulness. Many of these are taught by graduates of the schools mentioned above.

A committee on order of exercises reported the following resolutions as a guide to the procedings of the day:

It is the sense of this committee that we hear from the workers representing various phases of our common work—industrial, normal, preparatory, collegiate, and professional; that we endeavor to bring out and confirm the idea that, while in our various schools, different types of work are represented, the work is one and has a common aim; that in our discussions we keep in view the relation of the work, in all our various schools, to the actual needs of the masses of the people, as they were brought to light in the Negro conference, held yesterday.

Dr. Thirkield thought there was a great need of more thoroughly good men in the ministry. He feels that too large a per cent. of the young men are looking to medicine, law and other pursuits. Several expressed the feeling that if the churches would refuse to receive unworthy ministers it would greatly stimulate young men of character to enter the ministry.

President Sale, of Atlanta, said, "we must keep our students and teachers in closest sympathy with the poorest of the people. I would emphasize the importance of the local conference work. Our students can all do a work, though on a smaller scale, yet similar in spirit to that of Mr. Washington.

President Henderson told of the self help the colored people have learned at Morris Brown College, of which he is the head. He said, "we have 426 students, with fourteen teachers, and all the expense is met by the people themselves.

Rev. Dr. Thirkield, dean of the Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the low moral and intellectual condition of many of the preachers as clearly brought out in the free discussions by the people in the session of the farmers' conference on yesterday, that it is the sense of this workers' conference that the religious culture of our students be even more strongly emphasized as of primary importance and that it would be wise for teachers to direct the attention of the young men of ability, piety, and Christian character and usefulness to the work of the ministry, as a field of largest usefulness in the uplifting and regeneration of the race.

A very interesting discussion was held as to the interest of the Southern white people in the improvement of the colored race. It was reporetd, with great unanimity, that every where they are showing a deep and growing interest. The reports covered almost every Southern State and were from cities, villages and the poorest country districts.

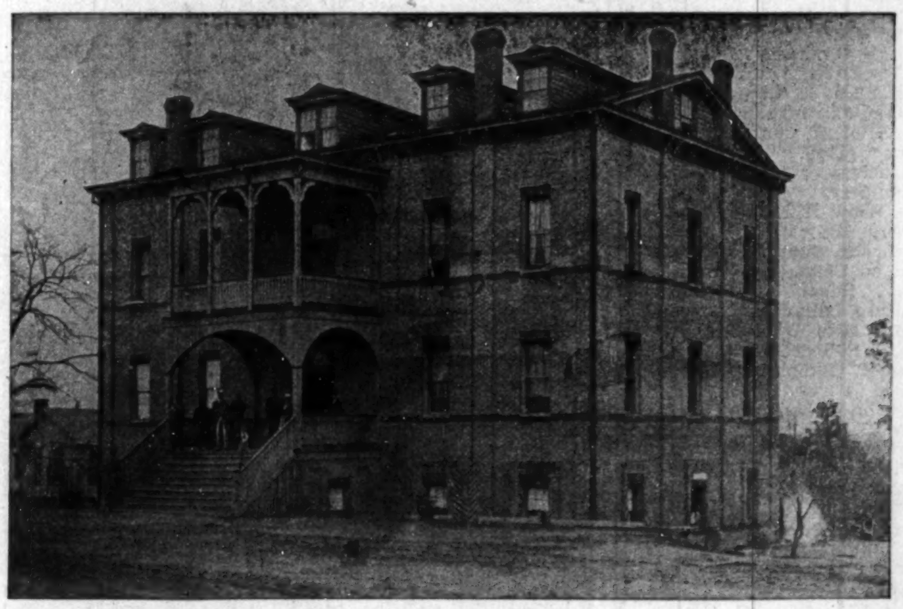
At this point Mr. R. O. Simpson, of Furman, Wilcox County, Ala., a large Southern planter, and a trustee of Tuskegee, spoke on the subject. He said: "I feel as if I ought to say a word. I belong to the old slave-holding class, and the only one here now. This is the fourth conference I have attended. I am glad to see the attendance is increasing and the interest deepening. The farmers yesterday seemed to realize their difficulties. They want to improve. There are great difficulties ahead, but when we look back on the past thirty years and see what has been done we have everything to encourage us to go ahead. The people are poor and a great deal of help is needed. When I think of their condition after freedom I am not surprised. I have been living ever since freedom in a comunity where the colored people are in a great majority. Some have accumulated property. They are growing morally and spiritually. I know what I am talking about. I believe God is elevating them. I think if the North had been trained as we have it would have done about as we have. But I know we are getting more interested in the colored people and are having more confidence in them. We believe he can be educated and that he will then be a better citizen and become a land owner. Some don't believe this, but the better ones are beginning to believe it. We have had prejudices, and what people have not? The colored man has had prejudices and the North has had prejudice. But the more intelligent ones are the more responsible. We are more responsible than the colored people. We need self sacrificing ministers, teachers and physicians. It is only in this way that we get power or can help anybody. I am glad I have taken an interest in this work. I am glad God put it into my heart to do what I have done. It is the Christian religion and faith in our Master that we all need here."

It was reported to the Conference that Mr. Washington had sent out a circular letter to 200 white men, ministers, teachers, physicians and business men, covering twelve Southern States, asking their views, in twenty-five different questions, as to the colored man's education. More than 150 replies were received, only two of which were discouraging in tone. Many, though busy people, took time to write out their views in full. Mr. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, says of the report: "This consensus of opinion, which Professor Washington has gathered, shows that the thinking white men of the Southern States are no longer hostile to the work of educating the colored race. It shows that they have become positively sympathetic and earnest in the desire that this element of citizenship shall have such education of head, heart and hand as will best fit it for the responsible duties of life. I account this a great and far-reaching gain, as far-reaching and important in its way, as the abolition of slavery."

Reports were received from a large number of schools and interest at work for the general good of the people. It seemed to be the judgment of all that the outlook for the future was never more encouraging. The people are being touched more largely. New influences are at work and a firmer grasp is felt of the whole problem.

R. C. BEDFORD.

BOYS' TAILOR SHOP.



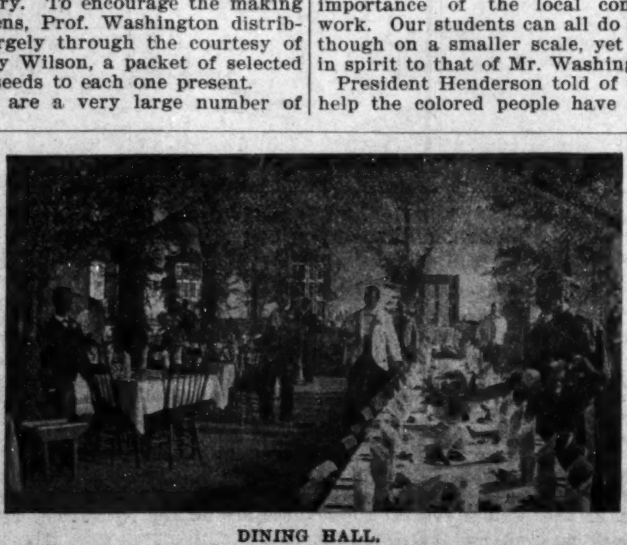
ARMSTRONG HALL.

MR. GRANT S. NEAL,

The Freeman's Hustling Traveling Representative Visits the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., Special to The Freeman.—For a number of years your correspondent has had a burning desire to visit this famous institution of learning, which, by the way, is doing more for the National advancement of the race than any other similar agency.

At its beginning, this industrial institution, like most Negro enterprises, had its ups and downs, but through the leadership of one who has the interest of the race at heart, and the kindly assistance of friends in the North and South, it is now the leading institution in America for Negro Industrial education. Booker T. Washington, the founder of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, and who is still its beloved and honored principal, has been misunderstood by some, and on several occasions he andhis famous institution has been discussed intelligently. It is highly gratifying to Mr. Washington and his friends to know that whenever and wherever he and the principles which he advocate are weighed in the balance, that they are never found wanting. The following is an extract from the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, by Major W. W. Screws:—"In the early part of the year 1881 there came to Tuskegee a very quiet, unassuming colored man, for the purpose of establishing an institution for the education of the colored boys and girls. From the day of his arrival, when he had only modest surroundings, until the present, when his name and that of the institution over which he presides is known over the entire continent, Booker T. Washington has had the absolute confidence of the white people of that community. There is never a word of harsh criticism of him or his methods. He has been singularly imbued with a desire to cultivate good relations between the two races, and to be of lasting benefit to his own people. He is succeeding in both undertakings. There is nothing of the agitator about him. His ways are those of pleasantness and peace, and as far as his voice and example prevail ,there will always be the best of feeling between this white and black people of the country. Fred Douglass and some other colored men have figured as orators and office-holders, but it is no exageration to say that Booker T. Washington far surpasses any of them who have at all figured in a public way. He does something for his people and his country, while the others have done mostly for themselves. The modest colored man of Tuskegee deserves to be classed as the foremost man of his race in the world. The people of the late slave States have to contend with the race question, and whoever pursues a course and policy calculated to remove difficulties, and to establish kind relations, is a public benefactor. No free people will remain in ignorance. and it has long since been demonstrated that the Negroes will receive such education as opportunity offers. Alabama makes no discrimination in the distinction of school money, for it is paid out per capita, and every school child, whether white or black, gets the benefit of the sum to which entitled. It is a blessing for the control of the colored schools to fall into such hands as Booker T. Washington. It can be said to his credit that colored teachers are found all over Alabama who were educated at his institution, and in every instance the white people commend them for instilling correct notions into their pupils and for impressing upon them the fact that they cannot prosper unless their white neighbors prosper and unless a proper understanding exists between them. It is infinitely better to have teachers who have such notions, than those who would seek to create prejudice, which would inevitably lead to trouble. As stated at the outset, this instituion began operations in 1881 and with only one small frame building. The Advertiser has published a great deal about it in the last few years, and its readers are fairly well acquainted with its object and scope." Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute is located in what is genrally known as the "Black Belt" of Alabama, where the colored people out number the whites three to one and possess every advantage for an industrial education. The chief objects of this institution are: First—To teach the dignity of labor; second—To teach the students how to work, giving them a trade when thought best; Third—To enable students to pay a portion of their expenses in labor. While agricultural and mechanical work is the principal feature, it has in connection with this a four years' course of academic work, designed to give a thorough English education. The following is a description of some of the industrial departments: Entering Casedy Hall on the second floor you will enter the shoe department. In this department eighteen or twenty students are busy at work making and repairing shoes. On entering the painting department you will notice twelve or fifteen students painting buggies, carriages, etc., and making old furniture new. Ascending the third floor of this building you will enter the architectural, mechanical and drawing department. In this very important department you will see students solving problems in construction, strength of materials, specifications, contracts and designs. Passing on farther, you will find the tailoring department, which is situated in the southeast corner of the building ,and here you will see a number of young men working diligently, making uniforms for the male students, and citizen suits of clothes for the teachers and people in and around town. The tin department is also found in Casedy Hall, and it is interesting to say that all the tinware used by the institution is made in this department. This department does all the tin roofing for the institution and furnishes tin ware for people, both in town and the surorunding country. Another important department is the printing department, sit in the Armstrong Hall on the first floor. This department is well equipped with a large Campbell steam press, four job presses, run by steam power; one large thirty-inch cutter and all the latest apparatus necessary for a first class printing office. In this department you will find young men and women setting type, proof-reading, making up forms and in fact doing everything that is to be done in a printing office. There are twenty or twenty-five students in this department. They do all the printing for the school and a great deal for people living in distant towns and cities. There are several other industrial departments in which the students are doing excellent work, viz.: Brick masonry, brick making, saw milling and harness making, for young men; and dress making, millinery, cooking and laundrying departments in which young women are carefully trained. To read about this wonderful institution is one thing, but to see it with your eyes is quite another thing. An insti- buildings, valued at nearly $300,000 tution with 2,267 acres of land 37 and no mortgage, is no little thing. and is an incontrovertible proof that the Negro is not a "lazy creature" as was said of him by a Mr. Smart Alec in a reputable literary magazine some time ago. May the Lord make the life of Booker T. Washington long upon earth, that Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute may continue to prosper under his wise and fostering care. —Grant S. Neal, traveling representative of The Freeman.



DINING HALL.

CHARACTERISTIC GATHERING OF VISITORS TO THE ANNUAL TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE.

A CLASS IN CARPENTRY.

A MASTERLY EFFORT.

Was Booker T. Washington's Address Delivered Recently at Columbus, O.,—The Audience Enraptured.

Booker T. Washington's lecture in this city last Tuesday evening was a masterly effort. He held the large audience enraptured for two hours with his wit, humor, pathos and logic. There may be greater men than Booker Washington, but they have not, as yet, struck these points. He is simply a wonder and his teachings are thoroughly practical and just suited to our conditions . The slogan which he sounds, "Industrial Education," should be taken up and sounded by every black man in this country. If every community had a Booker T. Washington, what an advancement the next decade would chronicle for the race.—Columbus (O.) Vindicator.

Important Happenings.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—We note the continued cold weather of the East and extend our sympathy. While the easterner is laboring to keep himself warm, we are planting gardens, tending flower beds, and enjoying all manner of out door pleasures. Our regret is that we are not having the desired rains that are so necessary for our welfare agriculturally. * * Last Saturday week a large number of people went to Los Casitas to witness the unveiling of a monument dedicated to Owen Brown. There was a large representation of colored citizens from Los Angeles ,Pasadena, and other adjacent cities, several taking most important parts in the exercises. The following was the program: Prayer, Rev. S. H. Taft; singing, "America;" address, Prof. D. W. Lewis and Rev. S. H. Taft; singing, "Battle Hymn of the Republic;" original poem, Dr. E. Lewis; addresses, Rev. C. T. Wilson and W. S. Menck; singing, "Marching Through Georgia;" addresses, J. L. Edmonds, Wm. Price, Rev. Pequa and H. N. Rust. The life and character of the great agitator was fully gone over, relating all the thrilling narratives in his great struggle for "principle and right." It was a most fitting token of the love the people bear this noble man. J. L. Edmonds did the Negro's cause justice, delivering a masterful address. Owen Brown was with his father at Harper's Ferry raid. He followed the footsteps of his father for the cause of freedom. Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompsoun, a daughter of John Brown, accompanied by her husband, were the only ones present of that illustrious family. Mrs. Thompson resides in Pasadena. * * One of the many employments to which the Negro is accustomed—hotel waiting—has been denied them a number of years on the coast, having been supplanted by white waiters. One of the leading hotels has opened its dining room to colored waiters, employing fourteen. It is quite a victory. It is to be hoped that through the efficient service of these men the other hotels will be induced to employ them. * * Mehary's Minstrels held a three night's engagement at Los Angeles theatre. There was a large attendance at all performances, and their musical display was fine and most highly appreciated. * * Flora Batson-Bergen and Gerard S. R. Miller appeared here March 7th, under the auspices of the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. E. T. Cottman. * * Floyd Dunston is a coming musician and composer. He is fifteen years old and shows wonderful talent for music. He has already composed a number of very fine compositions. He is the leader of the orchestra at his school, and has composed a number of pieces for it. He is a pianaist. * * Scott Jones is a member of two of the best bands in the city, occupying the positions of solo altoist in the 7th Regiment Band, and 1st cornetist in the Douglass Military Band. * * Wm. Alexander died last week. Relatives have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. * * Mrs. F. Vena Moxley is conducting a class in elocution with much success. * * Eugene Walker, of Atlanta, Ga., is the only Negro tailor of the city. He is doing a flourishing business, and has won many friends both white and colored by genial and strict business qualities. * * S. S. Dodson, a photographer of note is working at one of the best galleries in the city. He does their finest finishing work, and has the utmost confidence and respect of his employer. * * The Freeman is having quite a success. 100 copies per week are being sold. The influence is far reaching and doing a great good. The Freeman has one continued song. —"The best paper of the race."

Newsy Notes.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.—Phillips Academy and Turner High School are well attended. * * Miss C. B. Trail is having success with her school. * * A revival at the A. M. E. church began on the 22d. Miss L. C. Hill is on the sick list. * * Rev. Bowman continues quite sick. * * Mrs Cannon is better at this writing. * * Rev. Hill was in town this week. * * Thomas Hutton of Chattanooga came over not long since to visit his mother. * *Elder Prynum is making some improvement at the M. E. parsonage. * * We are glad to see some of the little boys of the town engaged in agencies. * * Hon. W. H. Gosling was out to the Crown entertainment at Mt. Zion Baptist church on the 18th. * *On the 22d, Washington's birthday at Mt. Zion Baptist church some of the stars of our little city appeared and all present enjoyed a musical treat. * * Rev. J. E. Bowman, Mrs. Easter Eakin, Miss Lizzie Cannon and Mrs. Jane Claybourn are on the sick list. * * The annual revival at the A. M. E. church began on the 22d. The Rev. R. J. Hogg, of Winchester, assisted Rev. B. A. J. Nixon the first week. * * The meeting is steadily growing in interest. There were four conversions at the end of the fourth night. * * Rev. H. E. Pye, P. E., will remain a week and assist in the meeting. * * The ministerial institute will be held here in Allen Hall, May 26 and 27. The ministers who are in the correspondence course, which is connected with Turner Normal and Theological, are quite enthusiastic and earnest. * * T. T. Ransom is teaching night school and those who cannot attend day school are availing themselves of the rare opportunity.

Dr. W. H. Councill.

The Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, who is so favorably known throughout the United States, visited the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala., a few days ago, and so wonderful did the many features of the institution appear to him, that in praise of Prof. Councill, the founder, his enthusiasm overleaped its bounds in a gushing and unworthy editorial which appeared in his paper, the Appeal, under date of Feb. 26.

The condition of mind manifested in this editorial is not consistent with the splendid sentiments expressed in the introductory paragraphs which appear on the title page of the Appeal.

Being a member of the faculty of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and knowing Prof. W. H. Councill as I do, I feel it my duty to say, in justice to him and the noble workers who are associated with him, that no such spirit of rivalry is ever manifested here at Normal as would warrant the very caustic words in Mr. Taylor's paper. I can appreciate the feeling of regret which came over the President of Normal when he read the words referred to. I have no doubt but that Mr. Taylor's estimate of Prof. Councill's worth to the race is high, indeed there are many eminent white citizens of both North and South who are extravagant in their praises of Normal's founder, but he could have stated his estimate without attempting to reflect upon others.

I can quite understand why Prof. Councill should pen the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor the following letter:

> Normal, Ala., Feb. 28, 1898.
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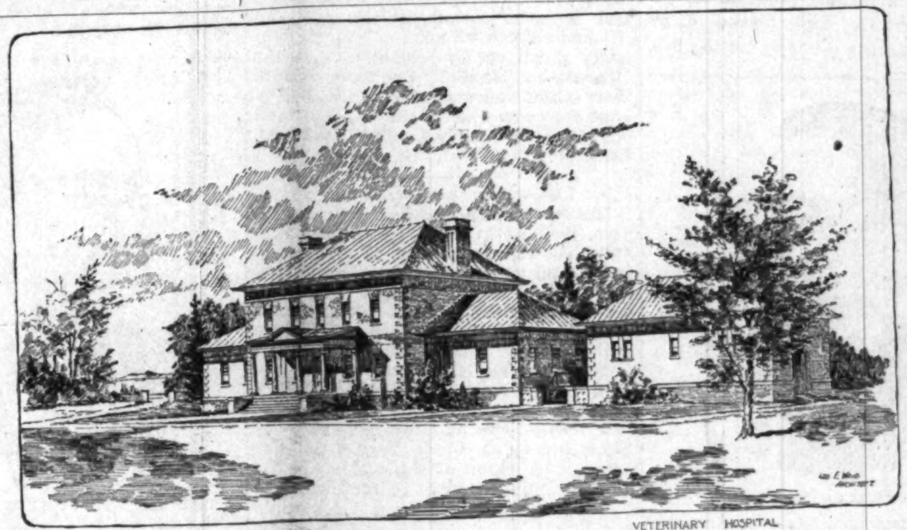
> My Dear Friend Taylor: I have reread your editorial, "Dr. W. H. Councill." My very dear friend, while I am always grateful for a kind word from you, still I fear that you praise me at the expense of another. I have gone on my merits all my life, and I cannot bear the idea of having a word of praise to the disparagement of another person. You made a great impression here, and I hear your praise all the way down from Nashville. Come this way again. Your friend,
>
> W. H. COUNCILL.

I have written the above for the readers of The Freeman because I realize what moral mischief is sometimes done to one person by the extravagant praises of another.

CHAS. ALEXANDER.



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Items of Interest.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—The Ford Stith Republican league and the Charles Sumner Republican Club has endorsed attorney A. L. Dalton for 2d Assistant, 2d District, U. S. Attorney, Southern District, Ohio. * * E. Henry of Washington, D. C., and D. Wilburn of Springfield, O., are in the city the guests of W. Henry Fielding. * * The revival meeting of ten days duration conducted by Rev. I. Toliver the Black Moody evangelist of Waco, at the Zion Baptist church assisted by the distinguished talented musician, Prof. Wm. Roseborough of Texarkana, Tex., who conducted the choir composing 50 voices. The choir presnted the Prof. a beautiful insignia, the inscriptions were: Presented to Prof. Wm. Roseborough by Zion Baptist church choir, February 26, 1898. There were 114 accessions to the church. * * Mrs. Sallie Dayton for an extended visit. * *Rev. Brooks of 661 W. 5th street left for D. D. Williams, an evangelist from Iowa began a two weeks' meeting at Mound street Baptist church, Sunday, Feb. 20th, 98. The gentleman is an eloquent speaker and seems equal to the emergency. Many are turned away nightly. * * Any one wishing The Freeman will apply or address the agent, H. B. Brooks, 929 Mound street.

Breifs.

Leadville, Colo., Special.—Mrs. Nanie Rowls passed through our city about two weeks ago enroute from Butte, Montana to Great Bend, Kansas, to visit her parents. She was accompanied by Miss Payne of Butte. Mrs. Rowls took her little daughter Mable with her. * * Rev. T. J. Ross left here some time ago to join the M. E. Conference in Kansas. * * The Rev. Smith, of Aspen, who has been assiting the Rev. C. M. Smith of Cripple Creek, is in our city. He filled the pulpit at the A. M .E. church Sunday morning and evening. He held revival services one week. * * The Martha Washington supper given by Ada Court on the 22d, was a grand affair, the program rendered by the young people was highly enjoyed. Miss Pearl Hamilton, Miss Ernie and Ethel Talbert and Stella Fugerson Everetts also Wm. Johnson acquited themselves with honor. The ladies of the court return thanks to all who took part. * * Mrs. D. L. Robinson has returned from Pueblo. * * Robert Pain was over from Roberson Sunday. * * Spring election is fast approaching, and the politicians are shaking hands and inquiring after the interest of all.

A Staunch and True Friend Gone.

Dowagiac, Mich., Special.—By the death of Miss Francis E. Willard, late president of the World's W. C. T. U., the colored people have lost a staunch and true friend.

She came of old abolitionist stock and until the day of her death remained true to the principles of her ancestors.

She was heartily in sympathy with every movement for the good of the race.

Of course no line based upon race, sex or "previous condition of servitude" is tolerated in the W. C. T. U., had it been so Miss Willard would not have been its president. She has made that assertion herself

When the convention of the National Association of Colored Women met at Nashville, Tenn., last September. This noble woman was ever ready to pass upon earth, she wrote, entirely unsolicited, a letter, to that body of women. It was published in full in The Freeman under an account of the convention.

When we consider that she was far from well at that time, that she had the cares of two conventions upon her shoulders (the World's W. C. T. U. convention meting in Toronto, and the National at Buffalo in the next month, October), with the immense correspondence it entailed, and that she found time to write a letter to the convention of colored women which met at Nashville, we see how near she held the interests of our race to her heart. I wish I might prevail upon the editor to reprint that letter. Many of us read it, and threw it aside, but now, when we shall never more read anything that the gifted pen of this glorious woman has just written, when her silver voice is hushed in death's eternal silence, we would wish to treasure her last words, in reference to the race with which she was in the most hearty and sincere sympathy.—Mrs. Josie S. Martin, Supt. of W. C. T. U. work among Afro-Americans for the State of Michigan., Dowagiac, Mich.

Probably the Negroes of no State are receiving more recognition at the hands of the President than those of North Carolina. Mr. Smith was sent as Minister to Liberia, Africa; the Hon. J. C. Dancy has been appointed surveyor of customs at Willmington, a place which he held under the Harrison administration; and now Mr. John T. Williams has been nominated Consul at Sierra Leone, Africa. North Carolina is fortunate but the appointees more so.—The Christian Index, Jackson, Tenn.

A CLASS IN SAW MILLING.

Sunday School Organized.

Winchester, Tenn., Special.—Miss Annie Mann, organized a Sunday school at the Primption church last Sunday. * * Baptising Sunday by Rev. L. P. Trimble, Rev. R. J. Hogg made a flying trip to Shelbyville, Tenn. * * Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bone left on the 22d for Sewanee, Tenn. * * Rev. Flag of Chattanooga preached a very entertaining sermon last Sunday at the missionary Baptist church. * * Prof. D. A. Townsend with the assistance of Miss Sallie Price is doing a grand work in our public schools. * * F. B. Gregory and L. P. Trimble left last week for Nashville. * * Willie Parker of Sexie has returned to school after a week's absence. * * Subscribe for The Freeman. Patronize H. E .Eldridge.

Newsy Notes From Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—The Crystal, a colored paper, has made its appearance. * * J. H. A. Johnson has returned from Texarkana, Tex. * * B. F. Shaw was elected editor for the Philosphian literary Society. R. H. Jones resigned. * * Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Touery of Pittsburg, Penn., are here for a few weeks. * * If you want The Freeman call on C. S. Holliday, 723 Central ave. * * B. A. Cook arrived from Chicago and is at the Eastman. * * Wm. Sullivan is at the Plateau now.

News Budget.

Winchester, Ky., Special.—Rev. Heard could not fill the pupit of the Christian at the usual appointment this month. * * The manner in which parishioners of the A. M. E. church conducted their recent entertainment was superb and reflected credit upon the good women. * * Elder H. C. Baker the pastor of the Broadway Baptist church spent the first in Richmond, Ky. * * Elder H. C. Buckner, pastor of the M. E. church, spent a week at Clay City where he delivered a series of sermons. * * Mrs. Cary died Feb. 28th and was buried with the honors of the S. M. T. from the First M. B. church. * * In the suburbs north of the city a woman cut another's throat, the stroke was fatal.

The Negro is Thinking.

One of our citizens said the other day that years ago the Negro did not care about what is said about him or his race, and he does not see why he has to be kicking now about the least thing that is said in that direction. We are glad of that assertion. It shows that the Negro is thinking, and that others are seeing that he is thinking and upon the right lines too.—The Savannah Tribune.

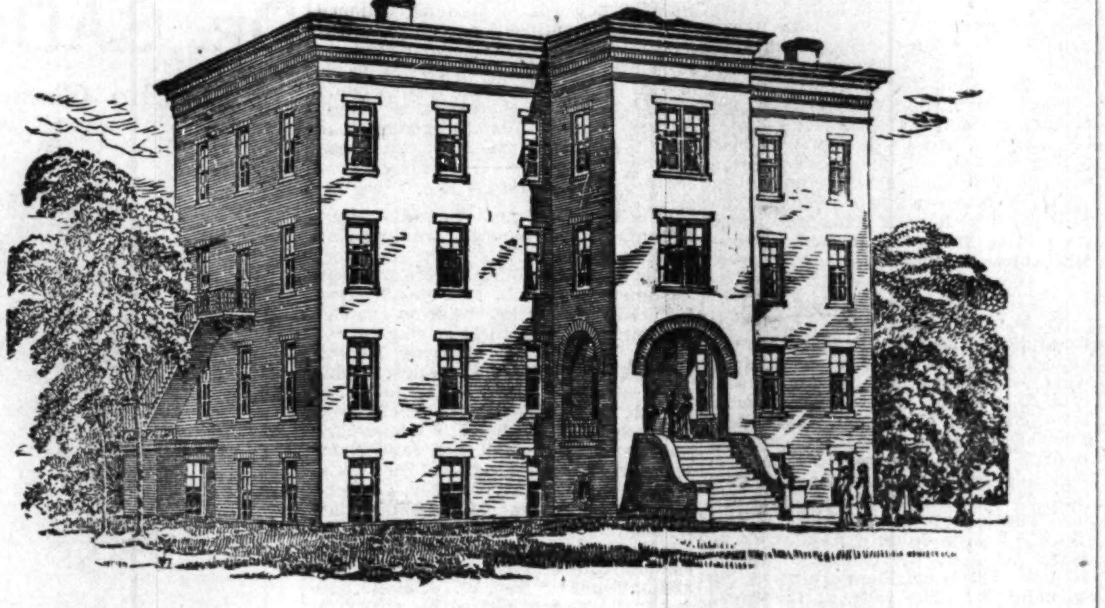
NEVER BEFORE.

It is with pleasure we announce the publication of a law book, the first, to our knowledge, written by a Negro.

Mr. D. Augustus Straker, formerly Circuit Court Commissioner for Wayne County, Michigan, has written "Circuit Court Commissioner's Guide, Law and Practice," a book designed in practice for use specially in Michigan, but of general application in regard to the law of Landlord and Tenant.

Every lawyer should have it, but especially the colored lawyers, who should possess it as a matter of pride, and place it with others in their library.

It is highly commended by the bench and bar of Michigan, and Justice Long, of the Supreme Court of Michigan, says, "It will be of great assistance to the Supreme Court in its references." Price, $2.50. Address Collectors Pub. Co., Detroit, Mich.



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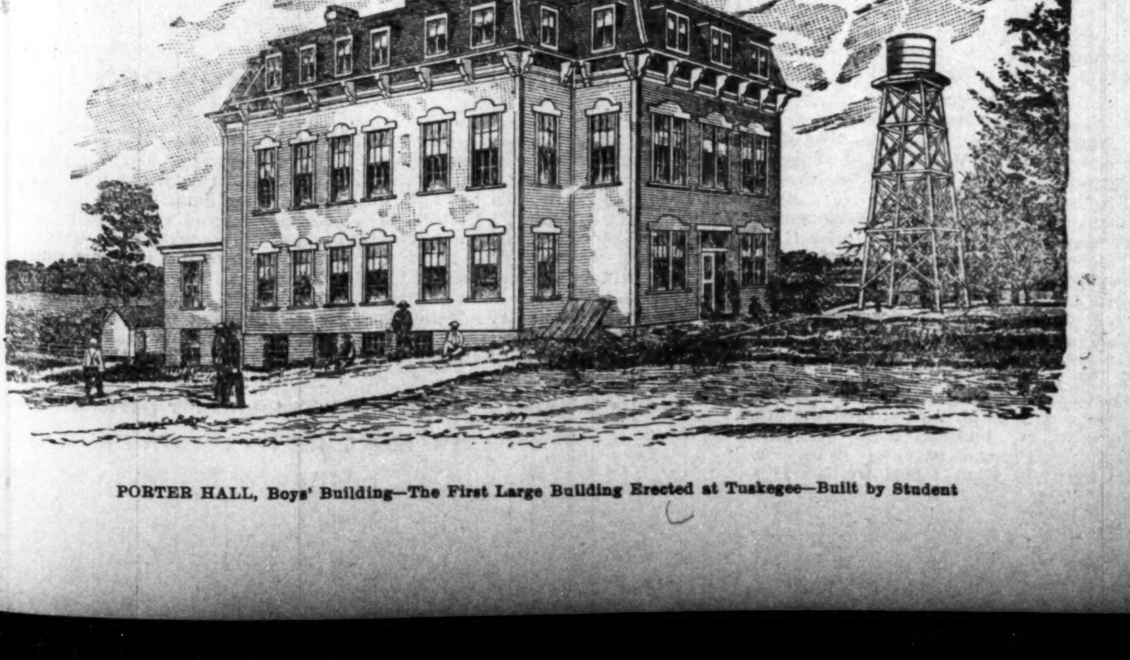

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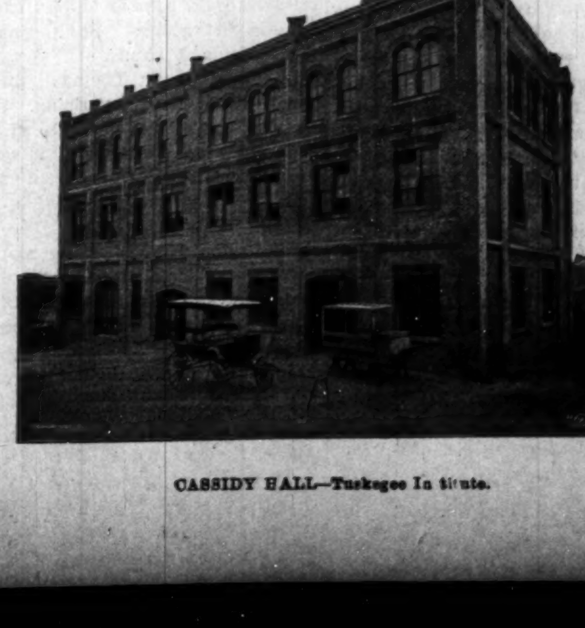

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PROF. B. T. WASHINGTON.

The efforts of Washington, of Tuskegee, Ala., are too weel known for any further comment on the part of The Freeman. But it will not be amiss to remind the reading world of the tremendous influence this institution has in the country as a factor in settlement of the race problem. All roads lead to Rome, was a universal saying at one time. It may be said that all eyes are turned towards Tuskegee. Not so much, perhaps, because the relief is surely expected from this source, but because of the promised efficacy, more. Curiosity, doubt, hope and desire doubtless fill those whose visions are centered on Tuskegee. To some extent the tenets of Tuskegeean creed clashes with the lines of procedure in the Northern States. Here there is a terrific struggle to become swallowed up in the general vortex of affairs, seeking only that preparation the surrounding races undergo, while it is well known that the race in the South has not yet moved out on such lines. There is yet no determined effort to lose their identity in the same matter as the Germans, the English and others do in the world of affairs. It is true the masses are being quickened to some extent in late years, and are taking to the Northern Negroes views to an appreciable degree.

This movement to become nothing more nor less than American citizens is the coming movement. In fact it is now on. Tuskegee can do and will do much in shaping individuals for higher and truer citizenship that must come to the South as well as the North. Whatever be the aims of Tuskegee the result can only be good. Even should it fail to teach Greek, Latin and the fine arts, which, however, is not the case, yet she would be doing a noble work in turning out men and women prepared to wring success out of what was supposed to have been defeat. The ground is sure and Washington is sure in his contentions in that respect that products of the soil can not be discriminated against. It may not be all of the ways for the Negro to forge along shoulder to shoulder with the world, but it is absolutely certain that it is one of the ways. Tie to this, is the Tuskegee creed, or "Let down your buckets where you are."

It is very noticeable that the "Negro Press" has no sympathy for the Hawaiian annexation hippodrome.

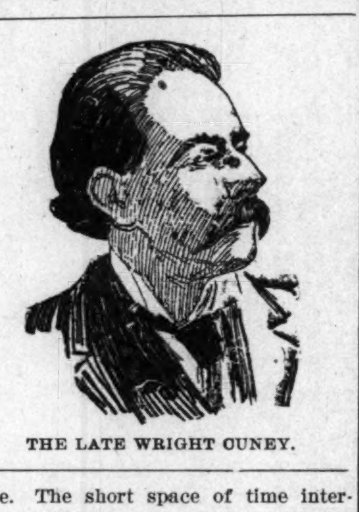
It is said that the Postoffice Department has discontinued the postoffice ta Lake City, S. C. It is well enough so far as it goes, but it does not go near far enough. Playing to the galleries may be all right in some instances, but in the case of Baker, the murdered postmaster, the murderers should be ferrited out. The government stops far short of its duty if this murder is committed and the murderers escape by default. All eyes are on the authorities at Washington and if they fail to live up to their duties, it is safe to say for once the Negroes instinctively will know their duty.

The Republican Love Feast of last week under the auspices of the Anacostia Club was a succes. The Criminal Court room was filled to overflowing with the city's best people. Mr. Geo. L. Knox, of The Freeman, was unanimously choseh to preside. Those who spoke were, George L. Knox, James Simms, Isidore Blair, John L. Griffiths, Joseph Kealing and Gurley Brewer. Every speaker was an orator, and it can be safely said that no campaign, no matter how exciting, could have brought forth a better group of speakers. Chairman Knox, in introducing Joseph Kealing, spoke of him as a candidate for Congress from this district. The remarks were received with enthusiastic applause.

Mr. Isaac Johnson, president of the club, made the opening speech, which was very much to the point and very well received. The organization is comparatively young, but it is composed of some of the best people of the city in the point of moral, financial and intellectual standing.

THE LATE HON. WRIGHT CUNEY.

Wright Cuney, the well-known Texas politician, died last week at his home in Antonio, Tex. He had been for years the leading politician of his state. Republican national conventions were not held in recent years without the familiar face of Cuney. It is said that the creatures reared up by the magic of his influence in late years turned ingrates and used their best endeavors in cutting him down. The late St. Louis convention was a turning point in his political career. He was turned down most emphatically, perhaps for the first time. The short space of time intervening between his defeat and his death leads one to suspect that the consumption with which it is said he died was hastened on accompanied by a broken heart. No Negro in the country was more highly esteemed than Cuney. The chances are that he did not underrate his own importance, and very much like the failure of James G. Blaine, death was far more preferable than the terrible result. He has held quite a number of offices of trust and honor, always acquitting himself with credit.



THE LATE WRIGHT CUNEY.

Mr. Gabriel Jones, who was a member of the last Legislature, has brought suit against a keeper of a public place for refusing to accommodate him. Under the laws of Indiana he is entitled to entertainment in any public house. Mr. Jones manifestly believes in the supremacy of the law, even to the compelling of saloon people to come up with the proper thing.

The State House of Columbus, Ohio, has four Negro clerks. What's the matter with Indiana? She's all right! Nit!

Editor Tyler, of the Vindicator, of Columbus, deserves credit for his unselfish report on his survey of the journalistic field.

In Republican forms of government the people, right happily, are kings. Those who constitute the we's of today may be the you'ns of to-morrow.

Marion county politics are at white heat. Every man suspects even his brother.

FRIED A NEGRO.

The Topeka Daily Capital, a publication of Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 25, devoted two columns to a horrible incident that took place in the State Reformatory of Kansas. The article is under this caption: "Tortured With Red Hot Irons." It was very much the same old story. A Negro was the principal character in the piece de resistance. It seems that a Negro, Thomas, who was half-witted had a fashion of refusing to obey orders unless sternly commanded to do so, and who was as per article very much like Mark Twain's "Arkansas" in "Roughing It." He delighted in terrorizing those around him as long as he saw that they were afraid; but the landlord's wife with her scissors could subdue him as easily as she did "Arkansas." But the management changed hands. A new policy was inaugurated. Thomas "took" on one of his spells of terrorizing. Instead of using the former methods with him, it is said the superintendent sent for ten officers to take him from his cell. Then followed a new method of subjugation. Says the Capital, "The whole party hastened to the engine room, procured two long irons, heated them white hot and rushed back to the cell house. Assistant Superintendent Hopkins and officer Joseph Riggs, from Osage City, handled the hot irons. Case (the Superintendent) stood in the corridor below and gave the orders."

"Amidst the most fearful oaths and imprecations of the ten officers huddled around the cell door Hopkins and Riggs commenced jabbing their hot iron rods into the helpless Negro. Wherever they touched they burned through his light clothing, through the skin and deep into the flesh."

"They got him cornered and held their sizzling hot iron to his stomach until they were buried in his frying flesh." The above is but a partial recital of a new form of atrociousness. The two columns of facts as related by the Capital have been fairly substantiated by investigation. The history of punishment in penal institutions in this country so far has not included burning as one of the modes of punishment. The matter, however, is not sleeping. The authorities have taken it up and promise thorough ventilation. The zone of cruelty to Negroes, it is hoped, is not advancing northward and westward.

In Kentucky.

The best white citizens of Mayfield, Ky., about 300, dragged Richard Allen out of jail, carried him to the courthouse yard and swung him to a tree. Allen did not rape a white woman; he killed no one. He merely attempted to rob a white man. For this the chivalrous whites of Mayfield lynched him and no doubt the white people of Mayfield call themselves civilized. These same white people of Mayfield not long ago lynched another Negro named Jim Stone.

Mayfield is nearer hell than any town in America, except Lake City, S. C., and the white people are the worst set of devils in Kentucky. They are a nasty mean set of scoundrels. If the Negroes of Mayfield don't rise up in their might and massacre the white villains they are a set of durned fools and ought to be lynched.—The Standard, Lexington, Ky.

Race Journals Improving.

The great improvement in race papers, both as to character, matter and style, as well as quality, is very gratifying, and proves conclusively that the Negro editor is possessed of pluck to a very apreciable extent. It must be pluck, for a plethoric purse is certainly but one of the things "devoutly wished for" among colored editors.

In Negro papers, as with all other class publications, we have the good, bad and indifferent. We have some of force and some, but a very few, that are not deserving of a place in the list of class publications. In fact why are they published is not even a debatable question.

The greater number of race papers aim to be newspapers in the broadest sense. Two, and two only, are journals rather than newspapers, in the accepted meaning of a newspaper. The two referred to are the Colored American of Washington, D. C., and The Freeman, of Indianapolis. These two papers publish more contributed articles than any other papers. They reflect the sentiments of many men, from many sections, and are truly race journals, standing alone and occupying a field all to themselves. For this reason, they should be read by all, and though you be a regular subscriber to the paper published in your city or State, you should also be a subscriber to the Colored American and the Indianapolis Freeman. The New York Age, Dallas Express, the Richmond Planet, the Denver Statesman, Omaha Progress, Florida Sentinel, the Vindicator, and in fact all others are newspapers that aim to give the current news, all the news, so far as is within their power and by comparison with other class publications they show up to a decided advantage. While the millenium in race journalism is not at hand, it is coming, and if Negroes will only give their papers the support they merit and deserve the millenium in Negro journalism wil be here ere we are aware. The race paper is a good thing and every good thing should be pushed along.—Vindicator, Columbus, O.

News Budget.

Xenia, O., Special.—The ministers' meeting was held in the Third Baptist church March 3, at 7:30. Rev. Mack Allen, of Kansas, now pastor of said church, preached an excellent sermon. * * Middle Run church and pastor, Rev. Peter Everett, are carrying on a great revival, having fourteen for baptism and thirteen at the anxious seat. * * The Third Baptist church, under the leadership of its present pastor, Rev. Mack Allen, is doing a good work toward fixing up the church. * * Zion Baptist church members are preparing to build. * * The rally at the Third Baptist church was quite a success, realizing the sum of $80.73. Rev. Mack Allen preached in the morning; Prof. T. D. Scott in the afternoon at 3:30. * * Miss May Banks was the guest of Miss Evans the Sabbath past. * * The Klondike Social, which was given by the ladies of St. John's Chapel was quite a success. * * The People's Literary opened Tuesday, March 1, with a large attendance. * * St. John A. M. E. parsonage is going up nicely. It is situated on East Market street. * * Rev. T. T. Carpenter preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath at 7:30. * * Rev. Hyatt, pastor of the Christian church, is at his home in Memphis at the bedside of his sick sister. * * Rev. Mrs. Allen is on the sick list.

Newsy Notes From Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. C. Owens, of Oxford, Miss., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh, at 684 Broadway street. * * Miss Emma West is now teaching in the Porter public school. * * Miss Estelle Washington left, Friday, for a visit to Cincinnati. * * Miss Fannie B. Turner is teaching a music class. * * The public school teachers held their quarterly meeting at the Kortrecht Building, Friday afternoon. Preparations are being made for the State teachers' convention, which meets in August. Committees were appointed. * * Dr. B. F. Turner lectured to the LaMoyne Alumni Association, Friday, the 4th inst, to men only. He discussed the "Process of Reproduction and Its Relation to Purity." All who heard it were much benefited. * * Drs. C. A. Terell and J. C. Hairston have refitted their quarters, at 280 Second street. They are prepared to serve the public. * * The Freeman is appreciated as the foremost Negro journal in the land. * * Mrs. Eliza Hadden was buried on the 3d. Mrs. Hadden leaves a husband and three children.

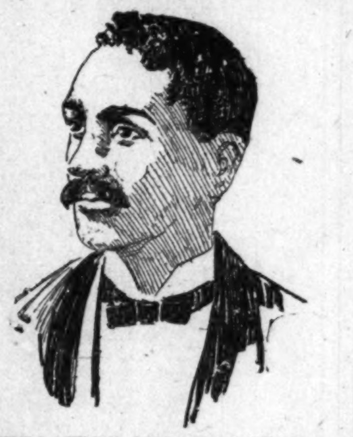
Edna Cries for The Freeman.

Editor The Freeman: I am a subscriber to your valuable paper and enjoy reading if the Negro and what he is doing. Sorry that I have not been taking your paper all of the time. I can not express to you the good your paper has done in my family. Our little daughter Edna cries when she fails to see The Freeman on Sunday morning. She says she loves to look at papa Fred Douglass.

Yours for The Freeman,
S. A. NELSON,
Memphis, Tenn.

Death of Dr. J. W. Browning.

Dr. John Wesley Browning died at Pittsburg, Pa., after an illness of nearly two months. Dr. Browning was born in Montgomery, Ala., in June, 1870. At the age of fifteen he entered the Tuskegee (Ala.) Normal and Industrial Institute, where he was a student for several years. In 1888 he was assistant editor of the Christian Weekly, of Mobile, Ala., but later gave up journalism to travel. After visiting Mexico, Cuba, Central and South America and Canada, and every State east of the Mississippi he came to Washington and was associated with the Bee, of that city. Later he went to Baltimore, and was connected with the Daily Ledger of that place. In 1890 he went to Philadelphia, but was called home soon afterward to witness the funeral ceremonies over his mother's remains. While there he entered the civil service examination as copyist and attained an average of nearly 81 per cent. It was in 1891 that he received an appointment as copyist in the Record and Pension office at $900 per annum. After passing the clerk's examination he received two promotions—$1,000 and $1,200 respectively—and ranked high in line for promotion to the $1,400 class. He was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the Howard University Medical School at Washington in 1894, prior to which time, however, he succeeded in passing the pharmaceutical examining board of Baltimore, and bears the distinction of having been the first colored man to receive such an honor. He successfully conducted one of the most palatial pharmacies in Baltimore until the last of August, 1896.



THE LATE DR JOHN W. BROWNING.

In January,, 1895, he married Miss Ida D. Salter, of Baltimore. Early in September he came to Pittsburg for the purpose of qualifying before the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board, and was successful in the examination, which took place here in October. Prior to the examination in October the Press opened this new department, and placed him in full charge of it, where his efficiency won for him unquestioned merit. His identification with the Press soon made it the most popular paper in Pittsburg, and the 20,000 colored people in this city, Allegheny and vicinity were not slow in showing their appreciation of that fact by giving it a most hearty support.—Pittsburg Press.

Items of Interest.

Winchester, Tenn., Special.—James Bryant, of Chattanooga, who was attending school at this place, died very suddenly on the 26th ult. He was buried Sunday. Rev. L. Trimble officiated. * * Ned Gregory has been on the sick list but he is able to be out again. * * Roger Williams, of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, has veen carrying on a series of lectures at the M. B. church. * * Mrs. R. H. Singleton is seriously ill at her home. * * Miss Laura Townsend has returned from Nashville, where she visited her sister Blanch, who is sick. * * Rev. L. Trimble preached at the M. B. church last Sunday. * * J. J. Simmons, an entertaining young man of Franklin county, contemplates starting a store at Tullahoma, Tenn. * * Rev. W. M. Mann, pastor P. B. church, visited his church at Bridgeport, Ala., Sunday, Feb. 27. * * Through the efforts of Ace Phillips Winchester is to have a colored brass band. * * This place is fast coming to the front in the way of Negro enterprises. * * A. J. Wiseman has opened a barber shop. * * Subscribe for The Freeman, the great Negro juornal, and see what the race is doing.

Wartrace Items.

Wartrace, Tenn., Special.—The Queen Esther Court gave an entertainment recently. Their effort was a success. * * Miss Mary Osborn is visiting Mrs. T. Allen at Shelbyville. * * Miss Hassie Brown and her sister Birdie expect the following young ladies out Sunday afternoon: Miss Leola Stokes, Cora L. Smith, Vannie Warren and Lela Osborn. * * Mrs. M. J. McClelland and Miss Katie Daniel are preparing to visit the Paris Exposition in 1900. * * Mrs. Willie Jones speaks of The Freeman in highest terms. * * Mr. James McGrew, of Shelbyville, has been with us two months. He is not married. * * The members of the Baptist church have begun to have Sunday-school again.

Meridian Briefs.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—Miss Mary Pickens and G. W. Brown, teachers of Ellisville, visited here on the 4th. * * Prof. E., H. Washington, of Laurel spent the 4th here. * * G. W. Shoemaker was here on the 3d. * * Miss C. F. Tincher, who taught at Lauderdale, has closed her school and returned to this city. * * J. Allen has been ill. * * Prof. A. D. Washington has closed his school and returned to this city. * * St. Paul revival is being largely attended. Revs. T. A. Jones, S. A. Rivers and J. E. Carter have assisted. * * Mrs. Anna Avery, wife of M. Avery, died the 5th. Mrs. Avery had been sick several months. Funeral services were conducted at St. Paul Church by Rev. Hibbler. * * Rev. M. C. B. Mason, of Cincinnati, O., of the Freedman's Aid Society, preached at St. Paul Sunday, the 6th, at 3 p. m. * * Rev. D. G. Griffin is carrying on a revival at Pilgrims' Progress Baptist Church. Rev. S. Forkner is assisting. * * The Lincoln school, under the principalship of Mrs. H. I. Miller, gave their midwinter concert at the school building. Friday night, March 4. Quite a crowd attended. * * Miss Jenette Coleman has closed her school at Rose Hill. * * Miss Clara Hobson, who has been visiting in Arkansas, has returned to the city. * * J. W. Longstreet was in Macon on the 4th. * * The Baptist Young People's Union was well attended, Sunday evening, the 6th. Hon. J. C. Hill led the meeting. * * Joe Nelson, mail agent on the M. & O. road, passed through Meridian on the 4th, en route to Mobile. * * Rev. C. L. Harris preached a splendid sermon at the Congregational Church, Sunday, the 6th, at 11 a. m., to a good congregation. The Christian Endeavor Society met at 6:30, and was led by Mr. Mosley. It was consecration meeting, and Miss Ella Johnson called the roll. * * Rev. T. A. Jones has been assisting Rev. Hibbler with his revival services.

A Budget of Newsy Jottings.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.—G. W. Beachamp, who was called to Henderson, Ky., to the funeral of his sister, returned Sunday, accompanied by his little niece, who will make her future home with him. * * During the absence of the minister last Sunday, services were conducted by J. L. Baylass. * * Rev. R. R. Howard returned Friday from his ten days' visit to Louisville, Ky., and other points. * * Miss Fredonia Lewis and Lyman Merriweather, of Dubois, arrived in Mt. Vernon Wednesday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Al Standard, of Nubie avenue. * * Mrs. Lucy Hodge, of Henderson, Ky., was called to Mt. Vernon last week to attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. James Green, who is very ill. Mrs. Green is convalescent. * * Rev. B. F. Fennel, of Alton, who has charge of the Baptist churches at Alton and Carlyle, preached a few evenings for the Baptist congregation here this week. While here he made the school a friendly visit. He departed for Carlyle Friday. * * Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Standard are the proud parents of a nine-pound girl. * * A few scholars are out of school this week with the mumps. The per cent. of attendance of school last month was ninety-nine. * * Mrs. Lucinda Freeman, of Metropolis, a former resident of Mt. Vernon, arrived here Thursday on a business mission, accompanied by master Ray. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moses McCarry. Mrs. Freeman left for Metropolis Friday by way of Carbondale. * * Mr. and Mrs James Dixon left for St. Louis last week, where they will probably make their future home. * * The sixth month of the school year closed last Friday, leaving but nine weeks more till the end of the current term. The schools "have pursued the even tenor of their way" without friction of any kind and are doing fully as efficient work as ever before in their history.

Teachers Institute Convenes.

Crockett, Tex., Special.—The Teachers' Institute convened Friday and Saturday the 24 and 25th at 10 a. m. The session was opened by singing, after which prayer was offered by Prof. J. W. Williams. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, roll was called, to which thirty-eight teachers responded. At this point the program was taken up, which consisted of the following, "How to Teach Fractions," Prof. D. H. Jones; "Physical Culture," Mrs. C. Z. Dodson; "Rules for Recitations," Miss L. W. Taylor. At the afternoon session Rev. M. Johnson was introduced and read a paper under the caption of "Common Sense;" "The Character of Teachers," Prof. H. D. Lloyd, of Pennington. The committee on Normal work reported and the assembly adjourned. Saturday the session opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Lynch and roll was called. Forty-five teachers responded. The program was commenced by "How to Teach Denominate Numbers," D. M. McCullough; "Music in Public Schools," Prof. A. R. Jenkins; "Language in Primary Grades," Miss L. W. J. Dickson; "How Much Help Should a Teacher Give a Pupil," Prof. Flickes. Discussions were opened on the various topics by J. C. Lacy, M. C. Rusher and Miss Cora Boazman. An afternoon was given to the trustees, who discussed the school question. The meeting was indeed a successful one.

The Freeman in Los Angeles, Cal.

H. C. Allen has taken the general agency for The Freeman, and will have on every issue plenty of copies for sale. The Freeman is offering special inducements for this season.—New Searchlight, Los Angeles, Cal.

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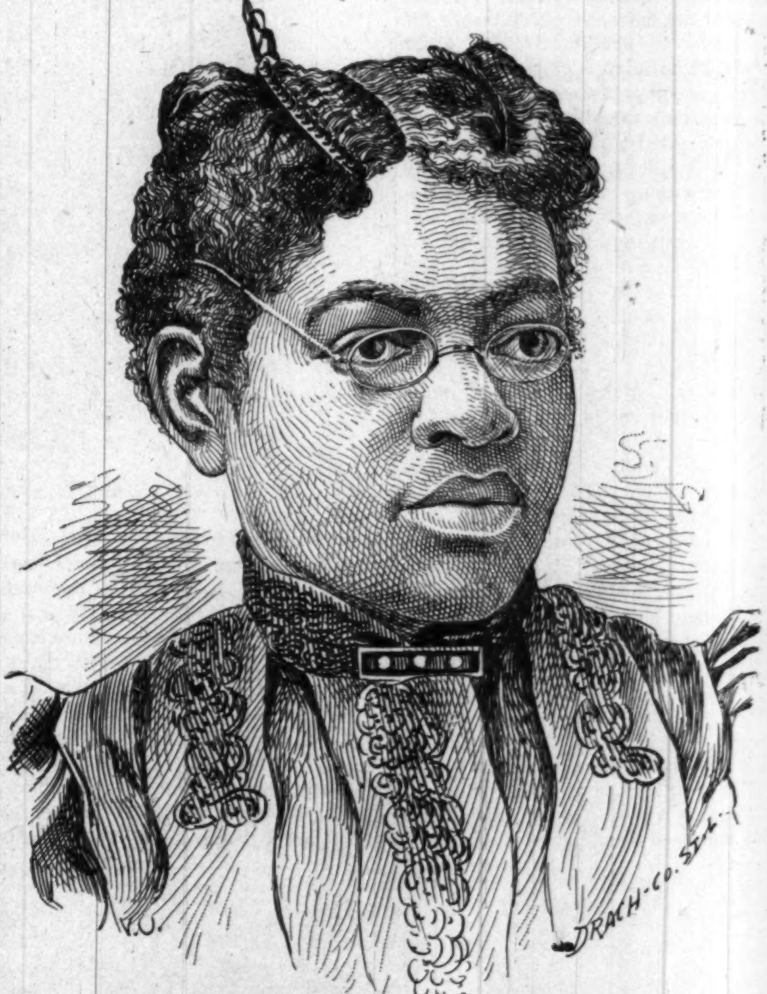
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Williams & Walker

"Big Sensation," Boston, Mass., this week.

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Isham's Octoroons are in Newark, N. J., this week.

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The Black Patti Troubadours are in Los Angeles, Cal., this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh have left New York for San Francisco.

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Jones, Grant & Jones are making a big hit with Harry Williams' Own Co.

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"South Before the War" company is playing a good business through Iowa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas were at the Haymarket Theatre, Chicago, last week.

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"Trip to Coontown" has caught on in great shape. They are at Auburn, N. Y., to-day.

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Johnson & Dean have closed with Sam Devere's Own Company, and are now playing dates.

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Webster Hurt, formerly of Indianapolis, is head steward at the Douglass Club, New York city.

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Williams & Walker were initiated into the mysteries of the B. O. of C. P., at St. Louis, Mo., last week.

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Geo. Reese, alias "Rabbit," has joined Ashly & Barton's, a notable sketch team from San Francisco.

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Smart & Williams opened on the Orpheum Circuit last week, at the Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco, Cal.

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Darkest America closed a very successful weeks' engagement at Havlin's Theatre, St. Louis, Mo., on the 5th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Coley Grant will close their engagement with Sheridan & Flynn's "City Sports" company March 12.

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Clemie Harris, the human frog, now with the Welch Bros.' "Southern Life" company, is meeting with gratifying success.

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Harry Eaton is our special agent for Brooklyn and New York city, with headquarters at 118 W. 31st street, New York city.

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Al and Mamie Anderson, protean sketch artists, were on the bill at Smith's Opera House, Grand Rapids, Mich., last week.

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Williams & Walker, the kings of colored comedians, are at the Olympic Theatre, Chicago, this week, meeting with great success.

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Billy and Willie Farrell are now filling their first engagement abroad, having opened at the Palace Theatre, Hull, England, Feb. 14.

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Arnold Stevenson, old man impersonator, with the Al. G. Field Colored Minstrels, is enjoying a weeks' vacation at his home in Indianapolis.

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The Black Patti Troubadours have taken California by storm. It is said to be the best aggregation of colored artists that have ever visited the coast.

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The Globe Quartette—J. F. De Lyons, D. Frazier, L. Williams and Erb Robinson, were features at the Metropolitan Theater, New York City, last week.

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"I Wish My Rent Was Paid," is the title of the latest coon song, by Dave Reed, jr., published by T. B. Harms & Co., 18 E. Twenty-second street, New York City, N. Y.

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George A. Hammond, late of Isham's Oriental America company, is at present business manager of the theatrical booking department of the Douglass Club, of New York city.

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Much interest is being taken in the new organization, the Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals, recently organized in this city. A subordinate lodge will be set up in St. Louis, Mo., at an early date.

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Harry Eaton will have three shows this summer. Commencing May 23, the Colored Sports will open at Atlantic City; the Afro-American Vaudeville Co., Cape May, N. J., Harry Eaton Colored Minstrels at Reading, Pa.

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Lew Hall's Georgia Minstrels, in conjunction with Mason's Black Four Hundred Company played a three nights' engagement at the Empire Theater, Indianapolis, this week to fair audiences. Herbert Lashe, black wire artist, was the only good feature of the show.

Cliff Brooks, James P. Jones, Oscar Lindsay, Harry Brown, of "Darkest America," and Williams & Walker, of Hyde's Comedians, were initiated into the mysteries of the Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals at East St. Louis, Mo., last week.

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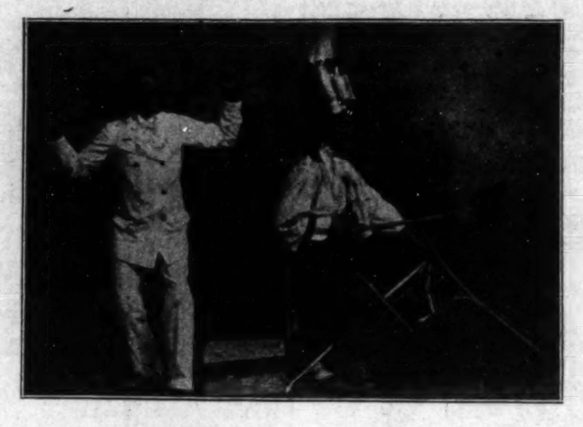
Here they are, the Jolly Jesters, Dudley and Harris, in their latest sketch, entitled "Well, all right," a red-hot dramatic burlesque in which Mr. Harris makes a very high kick that brings down the house nightly. And Mr. Dudley, the comical genius, keeps the audience in an uproar of laughter from the time he enters until off. A fifteen minute act of hard laugh. Dudley says his great draw back is Mr. Harris, because he is always kicking more and more, for instance last night we came on to do our act and before three minutes he was kicking right in the presence of the audience, but he looked over it as Harris is a high born kicker. The team will be at liberty in May and can fill dates for a while. Managers address all communications to S. H. Dudley, care P. G. Lowery, Reece, Kan.


DUDLEY & HARRIS, with P. T. Wright's Nashville Students.

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A. L. Tutt and wife (Chicago Caroline) were the winners of the Championship cake walk at Madison Square Garden, recently, for fancy walking. Luke Blackburn and wife are the champion straight walkers.

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The Colored Sport's Company will take the road, only for ashort season, beginning at the Metropolis Theater, New York city, for one week, commencing March 21, with Hoboken, and Jersey City, N. J., to follow.

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Mrs. Geo. A. Hammonds will sail from Liverpool, Eng., on the S. S. Luconia, Saturday, March 26, and join her husband in New York city, to travel with the Transatlantic Vaudeville Company, of which Mr. Hammonds will be the manager.

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The Blackstone Quartette, supporting W. H. Windom, the famous tenor vocalist, is composed of the following gentlemen: W. M. Dixon, G. H. Watkins, George Connelly and J. Porter. They are big hits at Hyde & Behman's. Brooklyn, this week, with Weber & Field's Music Hall to follow for three weeks.

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The popular comedians, Bob Cole and Billy Johnson, presenting their original black farce comedy, "A Trip to Coontown" are unanimously indorsed by press and public as being the most artistic combination of colored talent ever organized. They are supported by the following well known artists: Tom Brown, Lloyd Gibbs, Robt. A. Kelly, J. A. Shipp, Walter Dixon, James Wilson, Hen. Wise, Wm. Carle, George Brown, Vincent Bradley, Pauline Freeman, Clara Freeman, Marguerite Rhodes, May Wynder, Belle King, Lena Wise, Sadie Robinson and Little Dottie.

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Mr. E. H. King, of Boston, Mass., one among the best Negro ventriloquists in the United States, died at Shreveport, La., Feb. 22, after suffering eight weeks with lung troubles. His mother, Mrs. Susie Taylor, of Boston, was present at his death. Mr. King was a star in his profession, and was an excellent poetry writer. He has been connected for more than five years with "The Lion's Bride" entertainment, controlled by Dr. Nickens, of Cincinnati. He was well-known in the North and South. Mr. King leaves a mother and a host of relatives and many friends to mourn his loss.

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J. Ed Green, the Freeman's representative with Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, sends the following: "The Freeman is quite a favorite with the boys. We opened at the Broadway Theatre, Denver, Col., to a packed house and every one was well received, scoring quite a hit. The Douglass Club tendered us a reception Tuesday night. Kersands is making a big hit with Hillman & Perrin's song, "If I Ever Lay My Hands Upon That Coon." "I Guess That will Hold for a While," is new to the theater goers here and Crosby is the prime favorite. Business Manager Holland is with us. Our two bands are a novelty in the West, and catch on immense. George Titchner, our stage manager, was highly entertained by some old Peoria friends. All send regards to The Freeman, the greatest race paper published on earth."

J. HARRY JACKSON.

Important Happenings.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—The total loss of the various parties in the recent fire in this city was $141,950, of which tenants lost $1,500, Stevens Lumber Company $75,000. The colored Baptist church was almost a total loss, carrying only $1,250 insurance. The colored high school building was a total loss. No insurance. * * Steven Soward, of Keeconner, was in the city on Monday. * * Henry Wynne is doing a big business in the white wash line. He is assisted by master Alton Smith. * * Jno. H. Connell is indisposed at this writing. * * Rev. Manny has returned from Brownsville, Tenn. * * Harry Greer is much improved in health. * * The work of clearing away the rubbish on the burnt district is being pushed. * * Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fields, West Market street, gave a banquet at their home on Monday evening, Feb. 28. * * Mrs. Sue Wynne is much improved after a long illness. * * Mrs. Mitch Yanse is still very sick at her home near New Bethel. * * Mrs. Della Wynne will reside at 10 West Market street. * * The primary election passed off quietly on Thursday, March 3. The following gentlemen were nominated as candidates for the respective offices: C. C. Dawson, sheriff; Tom Ferguson, county court clerk; Harry Cotton, Circuit Court clerk; W. D. Fowlkes, trustee, and Joe J. Hurt, register. Election first Thursday in August. * * Attend the B. Y. P. U.. It meets at 6:00 p. m. every Sunday evening. * * P. M. Rogers has again taken charge of his grocery at 290 Depot street. * * Join the S. D. C. It meets every Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. at some one of the member's home. File your application for membership in writing and send it to the secretary of said society. The officials of the S. D. C. are: Prof. W. H. Fort ,president; Dr. A. A. Greenlee, vice-president; Mrs. Dollie S. Greenlee, secretary; Miss Jane Miller, assistant secretary; Rev. M. S. McCauley, treasurer; W. M. Hess, chorist; Mrs. E. W. Mosley, librarian; Prof. G. D. Jelkes, chaplain; Prof. P. B. Shorts, critic. * * The Epworth League meets every Sunday evening at 3. * * The subject for discussion before the B. Y. P. U. at New Bethel on Sunday evening last was: "Is the Soul Conscious After Death?" The discussion was opened by Mrs. Belle Tipton, followed Messrs. Pate Thomas, Wiley Hill, Rev. Edmond Wynne, Ed. Fiser, Tobe Light, Daniel Light, A. Manning and Mrs. Julia Woodson Wynne. * * William Tucker is much improved. * * Miss Myra Howard has been on the sick list during the past week. * * Hon. Peter F. Hill, president Ex-Slave Pension Association of the U. S. A. and Grand Master for the U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s, spent several days in the city visiting his lodges. * * Messrs. Richard Echford, Geo. Matthews and Fulton Sharp are pleasing performers on the mondolin. * * Messrs. J. Jenkin and J. Jones are the leaders on the guitar. * * Green Dock has moved to the city. He resides at 298 N. High street. * * Tom Wilkes was in the city Friday. * * Mrs. Amanda Doyle gave a birthday dinner on Monday last. * * Mrs. Annie Hauten gave a dinner a few days ago to a few friends. * * H. H. Lawson, assisted by other well-known parties, will give a social in the East End soon. Full particulars next issue. * * Don't miss reading The Freeman. It is the best encyclopedia of useful knowledge relative to the doings of our race of any work published in America. * * Jno. Hale has moved to 97 East Court street. * * Charles Hunt has movedu to the city. * * The official board of the First Baptist met at the residence of Mrs. Harriet Hamilton, on West Cedar street, Friday night. * * Miss Lida Baugh, of Marten, is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Anna Fisher, 219 North High street. * * Messrs. Dan and Dump Simmons, of the Hope Well vicinity, were in the city on Thursday. * * Mace Sawyer is general superintendent at the Georgia Opera House. * * Mrs. Sandy Yarbrough was in the city Tuesday. * * Booker Howard has been quite sick during the past week. * * Marshall Tucker is one of the most pleasant young men in the city. * * Messrs. Dan Roderick and Scott Brandon were in the city Tuesday shopping. * * Philmore Tipton, of Finley, Tenn., is improving after a brief illness. * * James Pritchit has returned from the bottom lands. * * Your correspondent took in the west end of Dyer county on Monday and Tuesday in the interests of The Freeman. We found every one busily engaged in plowing and getting everything in good shape for the coming agricultural contest. * * Subscribe for The Freeman. It is the newsiest Negro journal in America. Only $1.50 per year, or 5 cents per copy. When you get it you get local, State and national news and especially the doings of Negroes. Ad astra per aspera. Rev. H. Bonnett, resident agent. H. Clay Walker, correspondent. * * John Connell, manufacturer, has moved to 44 N. Church street. * * Rev. A. J. Flemings, pastor Salter's Chapel A. M. E. Zion church, is improving. * * Tom Jackson is now the head porter at the Sugg House. * * Miss Mary Will Johnson is located on Cedar street. * * John Soward has charge of the boiler rooms at the Dyersburg Ice and Coal Co.'s plant. * * Charles Wyatt will begin to administer pills next season. Dr. Lucien Lyte has returned from Meharry.

Newsy Notes.

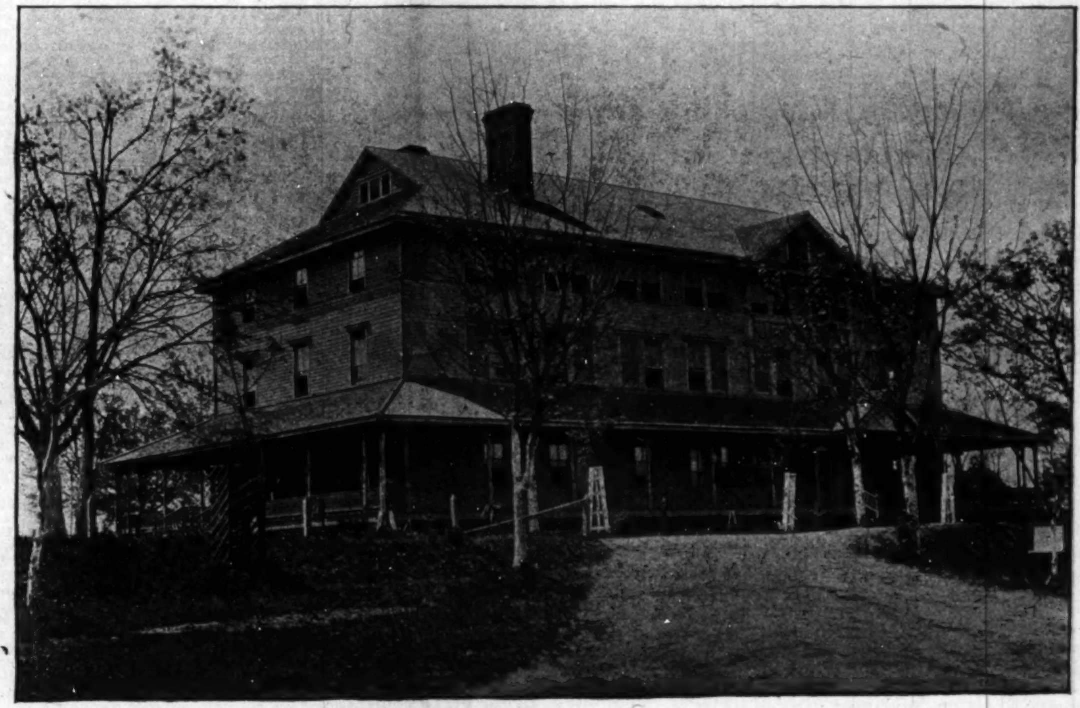
Hartford, Conn., Special.—Now that The Freeman as a race journal is making an inroad into the hearts of the people of Hartford, it will guarantee to give such proper reading matter as they demand, tending to awaken the interest and to cultivate a noble manhood and to increase their ambition for the betterment of their condition as a race, A race journal fails to do its duty when it does not point out to its readers the way to independent manhood and how to obtain recognition as citizens, regardless of the existence of prejudice. Race prejudice has always existed and ever will exist the world over, so long as the different races of mankind continue to exist. So far as prejudice to the Negro race is concerned it rests with them as a race how much it will be diminished. What we want is equality before the law as citizens, and to get this we must get the power of wealth and ability and proficiency. These are the weapons the Negro must use for his protection. We are not real citizens in a town or city unless we own real estate in that town or city. We cannot check discrimination in large corporations unless our money helps to keep these corporations alive. We canot have a hand in controlling large enterprises and filling responsible positions unless we have ability and proficiency. Opportunity is not given us because we are colored, is the common cry. As a race we can make opportunities for ourselves. Let us save a portion of our earnings week after week and when we see a small opening to a piece of real estate let us fasten on to it, keep our mouths shut and continue to get more and more until we accumulate enough to make a profitable investment. In buying our groceries, dry goods and the ordinary necessities of life ,let us concentrate our trade and give it to those merchants who will give us greater recognition by giving employment to our race. Let us take advantage of these opportunities and learn the intricacies of business operations. Let us avail ourselves of the superior educational facilities of the day, both for ourselves and for our children. When we have gained wealth in real estate, in citizenship, in controlling large enterprises and in ability and proficiency, we will be armed with the weapons of protection and monster prejudice will be afraid to exert his vengeance against us. * * Master Ralph Douglass Grant is the youngest reader of the Freeman, being just eight weeks old to-day. He is the brightest boy for miles around, a type of Fred Douglass. * * Miss Mary Johnson is convalescent. * * Mrs. Boston, on Albany avenue, has been disabled by a severe cold. * * Miss Cameron, the dressmaker on Albany avenue, has become a reader of The Freeman. * * The Freeman will be delivered at your door for 5 cents, spot cash; please don't ask for trust. * * The Freeman will print all the news and agitate all subjects of interest for uplifting the race. * * Mrs. Douglass, on the hill, was taken suddenly sick last Saturday night. She was all alone at the time. * * Mr. Will Pierce, the popular foreman of Shield's Bros. barber shop, has had sickness in his family for the past week. * * Friend, please have the cash to pay for the Freeman, 5 cts per copy.

Returned to Their Homes.

Chattanooga., Tenn., Special.—The delegates to the Principals' Association, which met here recently, have gone to their homes. Never before have the (colored) people, many of whom were delegates, been treated in a more disgraceful manner. On the first day they were assigned to certain seats and the windows raised behind them; paper wads and nails were thrown upon them. On the second day a crowd of boys and young men would block the entrance to deter colored people from entering. Chattanooga has made an escar upon her reputation which she cannot outgrow in a decade. The president of the association stated that he would do all in his power in the future to prevent another meeting in the South, or in any city that will not furnish equal accommodations for both races. * * John Hicks and wife, who recently were burnt out, are again housekeeping. * * W. M. Rowan is on the sick list. * * Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Lowe visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Lowe, Sunday. * * The Arion Musical Club gave an entertainment Tuesday night, March 8, at First Baptist Church. * * Misses Mamie Woods and Frances Lowe spent Saturday afternoon very pleasantly with Mrs. Mary Humphreys, of Orchard Knob. * * The Starlight Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. A. M. Masons, is having a great revival; each meeting night from one to three applications are brought in, and the members are working with a zeal never witnessed before.

Breifs.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. Church, Sunday. * * The Freewill Baptist Church has a branch, which will be known as the Freewill Baptist mission. Rev. Matthews, of Indianapolis, will be its pastor. * * Mrs. Georgia M. Odam is visiting in Chicago. * * Miss Pet Day has returned from Chicago, where she has been for two months visiting her sister. * * Sunday was rally day at the Second Baptist Church.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T'WAS NOT TO BE!

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An Up-to-date Romance Wherein the Arrows o the Little God of Love Often Missed their Marks.

Written for The Freeman by Augustus M. Hodges, (B. Square.)

Author of "Fred. Jackson's Vow," "Between Two Races," "Maid and Mistress," "Mr. John White, Jr.," "The Cedar Hill School," "Courtship by Proxy," "The Biography of Sarah Martin," "Robbing the Mail," "Judge Clifford's Daughter" (in press), "Marion Brown's Home," "B. Square's Bluster," "The Step-mother's Side of the Story," Etc., Etc., Etc.

CHAPTER XXXI.

After the incidents just related in the last chapter both Miss Brandus and Brown secretly concluded to keep out of the other's way, to meet only in the store and to have no conversations only what business forced them to have with each other.

Although they both reached this same conclusion, their reasons were different. When she went home she took with her the elopement article and editorial upon the same cut out.

During the whole day Miss Brandus never noticed Brown; when he looked at her he saw that a change had come over her, a firm resolute change, and he knew the cause and what would be the result; still the lover's courage and daring that he should have had regret to record clerssay**FMF.youno days before all came to him now, when, we regret to record, it was too late. He resolved to call at her house that night, to propose and be refused in the regulation style. When he called her aunt invited him in and chatted with him as of yore, as she knew nothing of the change that had overtaken May. During the old lady's conversation, she told him that May had gone out for the evening, leaving word that if any one came to see her that she would not be home until very late. Soon after receiving this information Brown left for home, being convinced that the account of the elopement was the cause of Miss Brandus not being at home.

As to the "elopement," let us give the reader the facts of the matter—facts if Miss Brandus had known would not have changed her resolution to be Brown's wife. Newspapers do not always tell the truth or the whole truth or nothing but the truth. The author regrets he must record this fact, as he is a newspaper man and hates to uncover the faults of his craft; still truth is the light, and it is his duty to herein hold up the said light.

The "elopement" was not an elopement. It was a duly registered marriage, with the full knowledge of the bride's parents; it took place at the bride's house, her father being one of the signing witnesses. The bride was a beautiful blonde, the belle of the town, but the bridegroom was not a repulsive-looking, ignorant negro. It was true, that about one-fourth of his blood was negro, but that blood gave little or no outward signs to the world that it was there. He, like the bride, was a native of the village, his father, like hers, was born in the village of Mill Creek. His grandfather was a quadroon who emancipated himself and wife (who was an octoroon) years before and settled at Mill Creek. His mother was a beautiful octoroon who reached Mill Creek via the Under Ground Railroad. He was to the eye of the stranger pure white, fairer than his bride, who although pure white, was of the dark Spanish type. He was of a red complexion, with auburn hair. It was true he was a barber, but a boss one, having the largest and only first-class shop in the village, built upon his own property. He employed three barbers, all white men, and was one of the well-to-do men of the town. There was no prejudice in Mill Creek and he and several other far darker colored people of education and business were freely admitted into the social society of the town. He, his bride, and the "Sensation's" correspondent all graduated in the same class at the village school. When he married Miss Eva Longstreet, Wright sold his business and property and removed to Chicago, where he opened a small dry goods store. He passed for pure white and no one ever doubted but he was. To-day he is one of the leading "white" merchants of the "Windy City." Such is the truth about the "elopement" of the "repulsive looking, ignorant Negro" with the "beautiful blonde," who although beautiful, had a dark complexion and still darker eyes and hair.

The story as it appeared in the Sensation was reported to that journal by a young local newspaper man who was a rival of Wright's and a rejected lover of Miss Longstreet's. It was a case of revenge, pure if not simple. The author sent his story, written upon a letter head of the "Weekly Star," of which he was pressman, typesetter and associate editor. His name appeared upon the letter head as associate editor and the editor of the Sensation did not take the trouble to verify the item, but ordered his artist to draw from imagination the pictures of "a repulsive, black Negro" and "a beautiful blonde white girl." It is true that the girl's father went a gunning, but it was two weeks after the wedding, when he saw a copy of the "New York Sensation." He went gunning for the author of the article, who in the old time worn unknown way heard of the prospective hunt and left the town between two days.

These facts were unknown to Brown, Miss Brandus or anyone who read the Sensation's story or in fact the editor himself. Had they been known to Brown and Miss Brandus, love's young dreams would have been happy realities—not dreams but alas! "TWAS NOT TO BE." It was not so decreed that they should know the truth.

That night she soliloquized thus: "How fortunate that I went to the office so soon this morning and read the 'Sensation.' It has aroused me from a dream, the realization of which would have made both Forrester and me unhappy for life; yes made us both social outcasts. Love in a cottage with out bread or butter may be well enough in song and story or upon the stage, but in real life it is a true sign of unbalanced minds. Unequal marriages should not be even if there is love; love without reason is self-martyrdom of which no sane girl at my age should be guilty. Be still, blind and weak heart! I know you love Forrester, but reason, forethought and prudence have all been aroused by this morning's 'Sensation,' and their keen foresight tells me I must not—cannot—marry a colored man or even in the future be what the average girl is to her rejected love: a sister. What would my aunt, with all her kindly feelings for his race, and respect for him, think if she knew it? What would my friends say? What would our employer think, what would society do? What would the world say? Forrester, although I must confess, I still have more than the highest regard for you, we cannot, we must not, we WILL NOT even meet again upon a social platform."

That night when Brown went home, he walked his room forward and backward until after midnight with his hands behind him in silence; at last he exclaimed aloud to himself: "I must avoid meeting her in the future; we must not have any talks only business ones; in fact, I'll so manage that I'll never have occasion to speak to her again. How fortunate that she aroused from her dream before it was so late in the day that I would hate her for so doing. Let me reflect. May, you still love me; it's my fault that you are not my promised wife; had I been brave enough we would now be engaged and nothing I believe then would have caused you to break your engagement; no, not a thousand articles like the one you read this morning, so I blame myself, not you; still, I will not cross your path from a social point of view. I'll never call to see you again; never go to the playhouses you frequent; never to your favorite sea sides; never to your parks, never, no never, meet you outside of the store."

Such were the conclusions of both, but alas for man and maiden, their resolutions were not so decreed to be.

"Oh, hateful error, melancholy's child!
Why dost thou show to the apt
thoughts of men
The things that are not?"

[To be continued.]

What is Said of The Freeman.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 4, 1898.

Editor Freeman—I find it impossible for me to keep posted about the negro's progress and the vital issues that touch his public life and his weal and woe in general. except I receive and read The Freeman.

I also feel it my duty to give you my support, financial and otherwise, because of the heroic and manly, just and sensible stand that you have taken upon all questions that concern the negro. Your policy has not been vacillating, your principles have at all times been known. You've spoken out in no compromising manner against the injustice and harshness that the race suffers.

Find inclosed a money order for one year's subscription to The Freeman.

Wishing you and The Freeman another triumphant and successful year, I am,

Yours for justice and progress,
JOS. L. WILEY.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.

AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR HITHERTO NOT PUBLISHED.

Story of the First Expedition to Fort Fisher—The Sailing Master of the Ella Knight Tried to Deliver His Charge to the Enemy.

On the first expedition to Fort Fisher a captured blockade runner called the Ella Knight was used as a government transport. The cargo of this vessel was Light Battery E, Third United States artillery, and the Sixteenth New York Independent Light battery. About 160 horses, 12 fieldpieces, 12 caissons and 12 limber chests made a valuable cargo.

The sailing master's name was Adams, but as we sailed under sealed orders, to be opened off Cape Henry lighthouse, the ranking military officer aboard, who held these orders, became ranking or commanding officer of the ship. This officer was First Lieutenant J. R. Myrick of Light Battery E, Third United States artillery.

Adams, a Baltimore man having some influence, was appointed sailing master in the United States transport fleet. He was a genuine Confederate at heart and had in his mind a way to help the Confederacy, which was to await his opportunity and run the first good cargo in his charge into the Confederates' hands.

As a signal the flagship fired a gun over the waters of Hampton Roads, and the transport fleet of the first expedition, without outside lights, sailed out into the darkness of night—into the broad Atlantic.

The Ella Knight was not the last to reach Cape Henry lighthouse, but when she did the sealed orders were opened and Adams was advised of the ship's destination—Fort Fisher.

Soon after turning southward from Cape Henry the wind began to blow strongly from the south. The sea became extremely rough, the decks were wet and slippery and the horses' stalls gave way. The horses began to slide back and forth on deck, so heavy were the lunges and rolls of the ship. At the same time the guns began to roll on the upper deck. Ropes were procured and the guns lashed through the wheels to prevent rolling on deck and knocking a hole through the transport's sides. Then ropes were stretched lengthwise and through the center of the deck, and several times crosswise to help support the horses, but many were killed and many disabled.

Some time past midnight Adams quietly turned the ship to the north and scudded with the wind. Then at the end of a few hours he turned the ship south again. His orders were to keep within sight of the transport fleet, but when daylight came no transport fleet was in sight. He gave as his excuse that the ship's engines were weak and that he could not make the speed required of him. We knew that the Ella Knight was a fast ship, and from that time on we knew that Adams was a man who would stand watching.

By the middle of the day the storm had passed over and Adams took a reckoning off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Then we continued our journey without much of interest until nearly daylight the next morning.

All was quiet aboard the transport. As she rode through the darkness there was a report of a cannon, and the next instant a shell burst over the deck of the Ella Knight. From the short interval between the report of the gun and the shell's explosion the battery officers knew that we must be near the shore. Besides, the sound of the breakers from the heavy ocean swells could be heard lashing the sandy beach.

Each commissioned officer quickly reached for his side arms, and they were soon on deck. J. R. Myrick (now major Fifth United States artillery) was the first to reach the pilothouse. Adams was at the wheel.

Myrick asked him, "Where are we?"

Adams replied, "I reckon we are pretty nigh Fort Fisher—that was the orders, wasn't it?"

Quick as a flash Myrick's revolver swung under Adams' ear, and he ordered him to turn to sea. Adams turned deathly white as he remarked:

"We are in the inside channel. If we turn to sea, we will have to ride the reef. If we ride it, we will be caught by the pirates outside of it," meaning the Union fleet. But at the same time he gave several fast turns to the wheel, and the transport swung half way round and headed for the reef. As we gained it there was a roaring and hissing sound and the waves shone with phosphorescent light. Soon we were in the line of sissing, glowing waves. One sudden bump of the vessel, and she had crossed the reef unhurt and was sailing in the old Atlantic.

Soon we saw the dim outline of a swift steamer approaching us from the larboard side. A challenge came through a trumpet:

"Lay to, or we'll send a shot through you!"

Adams rang the engine bell. The ship soon lost its headway and swung idly in the seas. A few moments later a Union ensign appeared on deck. After learning the name and character of our ship he informed Adams that he had been under the guns of Half Moon battery, one and a half miles above Fort Fisher. Then he continued:

"I am Ensign —— of dispatch boat No. 2 of the blockading fleet. The balance of the transport fleet is 20 miles due east at sea."

Again our engines were started, and in a short time daylight began to creep over the ocean and we could see the transport fleet steaming toward land.

Nothing was done with Adams, but I have always believed he intended to beach the Ella Knight under the guns of Fort Fisher.—Eugene Scott in New York Commercial Advertiser.

At the defense of Thermopylæ the shower of Persian arrows was so dense it cut off the light of the sun.

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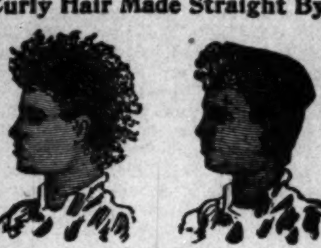

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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AN EGYPTIAN ETON.

SCHOOLS IN WHICH THE RICH BOYS OF CAIRO ARE EDUCATED.

Difficulties That English Teachers Have to Contend With—Pupils Are Boys In Name Only, For the Egyptians Have No Genuine Youth.

They were training for the sports. In the sunny playground was a row of big, fat boys—though none of them came within six inches of the slim, young, befezzed English head master—hanging on to a rope made fast round a tree. The trained instructor from Aldershot—he not so young or slim as he has been, but with muscles all india rubber and steel—was teaching them the tug of war. His white toothed, black faced, khaki clad Sudanese assistants were helping him.

I was in the Egyptian Eton. It was one of three schools originally founded for training teachers capable of giving instruction in English or French. But now it contains primary and secondary schools and a training college for the teachers, so that I was in a fair way to see at its best a summary of the whole system of public instruction in Egypt. It is only in its infancy as yet.

First we went into the primary school. There were not many pupils because the fees here are high—as much as $60 and $75 a year for day boys—and nobody much comes to the primary part except those who have failed elsewhere and whose fathers think the high fee a guarantee of high cramming. The primary course in Egypt takes four years; in the first, only Arabic subjects are taught; after that, English or French is introduced and gradually extended till in the two last years it takes 13 hours out of the weekly 33. All the instruction in languages is given in the language itself, but by natives. Only one—English or French—is taught, but that is taught thoroughly.

In the lowest class there were just four boys—absurd little owls with the gravity of old men, dressed in fez and overcoat. They were getting a drawing lesson from an elderly Arab with a shawl round his head. When I went in, they all stood up and saluted. In the highest class they were having an English lesson from a young native in a large butterfly tie. Their English was thick and sloppy; so, if it came to that, was the master's. Still you could understand it. In this class mustaches were already budding, and it seemed strange to hear young men reading infantile stuff about the sparrow.

The great difficulty in schools like this arises from the fact that a Mussulman is never a boy. As soon as he leaves the harem and is no longer a baby he jumps at a bound to being a man. A boy will do well in his classes up to 14, 15, 16, and then suddenly the cafes and hasheesh and lights o' love claim him, and from a bright eyed urchin he becomes a sallow, flashy, sodden, stupid, dissipated man about town. In one primary school two boys, 16 and 14, have just been married—not betrothed, you know, but really married, and living with their wives. The native master saw nothing extraordinary in a married sixth standard boy. Under the former system a boy took his primary certificate, which qualifies for lower government posts, at 14 or so, then spent six years getting his secondary certificate, and then perhaps went on to the training college or the schools of medicine or of law. Consequently he might easily be the father of a very fair sized family years before he started to earn a piastre.

Lately, by shortening the secondary course from five years to three, a real effort has been made to get boys out of hand and into the world before 20 or so. When we got on to the top form of the secondary school, there was no appreciable difference in the sort of boy—all befezzed, all overcoated, most mustached, all grave, as if school were a matter of life and death.

There is no difficulty in point of discipline with the Egyptian schoolboy. The French masters have some trouble sometimes, I was told, but in the very, very rare cases where an English master finds his classes too much for him he must go. It will not do to bring up the young in the idea that they may set at naught the authority of an Englishman.

And what, when all is said and done, of the Egyptian schoolboy? Does he do any good in return for the patient, intelligent, honest care his English masters bestow on him? Well, he is learning to play football, and that will be good for him, only when a boy says to his master, after playing the Egyptian Sandhurst, "The ground was too undulating; it recalled to me Hannibal's passage of the Alps," why, then, you perceive that even football will not necessarily turn a precocious man into a boy again. He is astonishingly industrious. The difficulty is not to make him work, but to prevent him from overworking. Eight hours' home work after five and a half in school is by no means an unknown performance. Some of his work in English literature which I saw compares quite well with that of university extension students at home, but, like theirs, it reads very textbooky. He has an astonishing gift for languages, and he can appreciate a play of Shakespeare with ghosts or witches in it and a good allowance of florid metaphor, no worse—perhaps better—than an English schoolboy.

But at the end of it all he is parrotlike in his unintelligence, incorrigible in his inaccuracy, hopelessly fatuous in his dishonesty. He understands ordinary English, if you ask him questions, uncommonly well, but he will reel you off a page of textbook, understanding the meaning of each word, but without an idea of the connected sense of it.

Will they ever make a boy of him? If skill and trying can do it, they will, and if he can be made a boy he can be made a man. But it is work against the collar, and it will not be done today or tomorrow.—G. W. Stevens in London Mail.

FIGURES OF SPEECH.

While aunty was reading a story one night,
To good little Oliver's smiling delight,
She came upon something remarkably queer
That good little Oliver wondered to hear.

And this was the something she placidly read:
"Jane Ann then determined to enter the shed,
And, cautiously dropping her eyes on the floor,
They fell on the snake which had caught them before."

Interruption was rude, the dear child had been taught,
So he said not a word, but he thought, and he thought,
And the longer he pondered the stranger it grew—
The thing that Jane Ann was reported to do.

He felt of his eyes with mysterious doubt
And wondered how she could have taken hers out;
And how—this was really what puzzled him more—
They could fall on a thing which had caught them before.

—Mary E. Bradley in St. Nicholas.

A SHERMAN ROMANCE.

His Old California Sweetheart Loyal to the General.

When General William Tecumseh Sherman was a raw subaltern in the United States army, without fame or laurels and little apparent hope of winning either, relates the Chicago Chronicle, he wooed and won a beautiful Spanish girl then living in Monterey, Cal. Dona Maria Ygnacia Bonifacio fell beneath the ardent glances of the lank, ungainly youth just as the flag of the sister republic was lowered before the triumphant army led by Scott. Today she is still true to her early love and unaware of the fame and death of her lover.

California was then a part of the Mexican republic. Sherman, like many another, was forced to make war against the land of the Montezumas. In the closing year of the struggle, when California was occupied and became a part of the United States, Sherman was assigned to duty on the coast. Here he met the fair dona, lost his heart to her and won hers in return. She was a member of an old aristocratic Spanish family, and the subaltern was congratulated upon his luck. To emphasize his devotion, the young officer in 1855 planted a rose tree before the entrance to the home of his beloved.

Then came the inevitable misunderstanding which accompanies every romance. The lovers disagreed. Sherman left the army and went east to take up the law. He never afterward saw his sweetheart, nor did she ever permit his name to be mentioned in her hearing. She speaks Spanish only, never reads a newspaper, and while the nation has sung the praises of the hero of Atlanta the Spanish maiden knows nothing of him from the day he left her. She still, although long past her youth, waits for the return of the man whose image has never left her heart.

But in spite of the separation of the sweethearts that rose tree throve and waxed great. Now its branches have spread until they form a beautiful bower over the doorway of the old Spanish mansion. Here the dona, sole survivor of her race, sits and waits, silent and alone, for the return of him who cannot come. Under the bower of roses due to her lover's care she stood recently and permitted her portrait to be taken. She is still very beautiful in spite of the ravages of time and secret sorrow.

Apt Quotation.

There is sometimes more wit in the application to the business in hand of words already chosen for another purpose than in the invention of an appropriate phrase. Bishop Whipple, according to The Church News, loved to tell this story:

A devout colored preacher, whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal, gave notice to his congregation that in the evening an offertory would be taken for missions and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish, well to do man in his congregation said to him before the service:

"Yer gwine to kill dis church ef yer goes on saying give, give. No church can stan it. Yer gwine to kil! it."

After the sermon the colored minister said to the people:

"Brother Jones told me I was gwine to kill dis here church ef I kep' a-askin yer to give, but, my brethren, churches doesn't die dat way. Ef anybody knows of a church dat died 'cause it's been givin too much to de Lord, I'll be very much obliged ef my brother will tell me whar dat church is, for I'ze gwine to visit it, and I'll climb on de walls of dat church. under de light of de moon, and cry, 'Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord.'"

Another Nuisance.

It was the first time he was being married, and he was naturally a little nervous and upset, but he managed to say "Yes" all right and to keep time to Mendelssohn, sailing down the aisle, and to sign his name in the register without making more than a dozen blots.

He thought then that it was finished, but when they got to the church door they found it was raining.

"Confound it!" he cried, putting up his umbrella. "Another nuisance now!"

And then, though he cannot guess why, the people around all laughed, and his mother-in-law bridled and his wife refused to speak.—Pick Me Up.

The Effect of Environment.

"One of the tallest men I ever knew was a Rhode Islander. He measured nearly 7 feet in height."

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Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 19, 1898.

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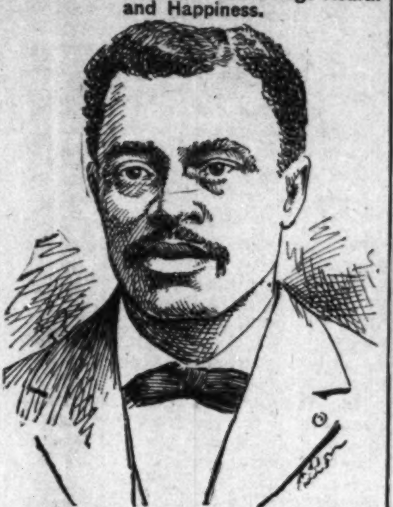

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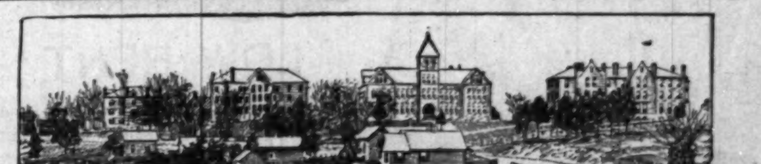

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Mrs. Marguerite Mitchell, of Superior street, is indisposed.

Bert Barnes has been held to the grand jury for the murder of John Taylor.

Miss Katie Clay will sing a solo tomorrow evening at the Ninth Presbyterian church and Mr. Tasch will render a clarionet solo, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Hart.

Rev. T. E. Wilson, of Marion, Ind., occupied the pulpit of Bethel A. M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shelton are the happy parents of a ten-pound baby girl. Mother and child are doing well.

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Quarterly meeting was held at the Ninth Presbyterian church last Sunday Rev. D. A. Graham delivered the sacramental sermon.

The friends of Mrs. Jefferson Alexander, who died the 22nd ult. desire to return sincere thanks to those who extended kindness and sympathy during her illness and death.

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Notice.

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Personal and Society.

Mr. William Sweeney, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Bessie Johnson returned to her home in Chicago last Thursday.

Mr. Thos. Broady returned to his home in Springfield, Ill., last Sunday.

Mrs. Hardy Bazel has joined her husband in Duluth, Minn., for permanent residence.

Mrs. Dora Payne, of Howard street, entertained the Idle Hour Pleasure Club last Thursday evening.

Miss Nannie Riffe, of 1004 Fayette street, attended the wedding of her brother. Mr. Robert Riffe, in Muncie, this week.

A Pink Tea Social was given at Bethel church last Tuesday evening by the Stewardess Board and under the direction of Mr. G. L. Jones and Mrs. Ollie Taylor. It was a success socially and financially.

The Progressive Social Club was organized last Thursday at the residence of Miss Mary Johnson, on West Fourteenth street, with the following officers: Mrs. Angeline Brooks, president; Miss Mary Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Flora Hayes, secretary, and Miss Mary Harvison, treasurer.

The township convention next Saturday will nominate six justices of the peace. All of the present justices, with the exception of Mr. Herig, are asking for renomination. No better friends to the colored citizens are found than Justices Hay, Lockman and Sears. They are asking our support in the convention and should have it.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Page Miller, of 1524 Park avenue, assisted by Miss Lina Cheatham, pleasantly entertained a number of gentlemen friends last Sunday afternoon. Among those present were: Messrs. Sy Corley, Abe Means, Wm. Lawton and Fred Hiatt. Mr. and Mrs. Miller leave to-day for Danville, Ind., to celebrate his birthday among relatives.

"The following was clipped from the Pittsburg Press: Alexander R. Posey Jr., a prominent citizen of Indianapolis, Ind., and a brother of Captain Posey, of Homestead, is visiting in this locality. He is making many friends, both on his own and his brother's account. He will leave for home the last of this week.

Ninth Presbyterian Church.

At the Ninth Presbyterian church Rev. W. O. White, the pastor, will occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. to-morrow. Sunday-school at 2:30.

Rev. Graham preached the sacramental sermon last Sunday to a large congregation.

Prof. William Collins sang a solo at the evening service.

Two choirs now furnish music at the morning and evening services. Miss Katie Clay will sing to-morrow night also Mr. Tasch will render a clarionet solo, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Hart, pianist.

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Allen Chapel Notes.

Two hundred and six communed last Sunday.

The church was crowded to overflowing morning and evening.

Ten accessions to the church.

Rev. T. E. Wilson, of Marion, was in the city last week, the guest of Mr. Archie Greathouse.

Mrs. Watkins, of Yandes street, Indianapolis, left last week for Shelbyville, to visit her sister, who is quite ill.

Rev. Murray organized a Junior Christian Endeavor Society last Friday afternoon. Miss Ella Taylor was elected president; Miss Fannie Mitchell, secretary; Miss Ida Davis and Mrs. A. L. Murray, superintendents.

The Missionary Socitey held quite an interesting meeting last Monday afternoon.

A paper on "The Life of Frances R. Willard" was read by Mrs. Emma Johnson; solo, Mrs. Lizzie Bush; instrumental solo, Miss Lillie Warfield.

Addresses made by Mr. Adam Conega, of Cuba; Prof, Gurley Brewer and Mrs. H. H. Thompson. About fifty persons were present.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Anderson was held last Tuesday afternoon at the church, Rev. Murray officiating.

Rev. Murray spent a few days in Wilberforce last week.

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Revs. F. P. Baker, Albert Travis, A. Wakefield, J. J. Kennedy, D. J. Young, John H. Norris, John T. Broils, A, Sissels, C. C. Townsend, P. E., Dr. Robert King, W. C. Irvin and others gave us good assistance during our meeting, for which we feel very grateful. May the Lord bless each laborer for his faithfulness. For the effort over fifty found the Savior precious to their souls. Over sixty have united with the church.

From Ohio's Capital.

Columbus, O., Special.—For the past five years there has been a sort of a political agreement between the white and colored voters in the Eighth Ward. There are over 200 hundred colored voters in this ward; they desire representation on one of the boards. W. E. King served one term as councilman and was an excellent member. He was re-elected. * * Charles Foster was taken suddenly ill. The ambulance conveyed him to his home. * * E. Tapsico is on the sick list. * * Mr. Lemons is improving. * * Mrs. Maude Graves is ill. * * I. Bailey and Mrs. Matilda Jackson were married recently. * * Will Jones and John Bailey are the owners of well stocked dairies. * * Col. W. T. Strawder left Saturday for Houston, Tex. * * The Fidelity grocery has been moved to Mt. Vernon avenue. * * W. Archer, of Marion, is visiting in the city. * * W. Roberts, of Urbana, was in the city. * * The Hotel Triplett has closed down. * * Dan Garrison, after a trial under the habitual criminal act, received the limit of the law, one year. * * B. Q. Lee has closed the office of The Chronicle for lack of spport.

Eufaula Items.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—Mr. Will Williams, of Dothen, Ala., spent last Sunday in this city. * * Mrs. Amanda Mitchell has returned from Troy, Ala. * * The grand rally at St. John A. M. E. church was a success. The collection amounted to $86.93. Rev. G. B. West, pastor. * * E. Mincer has opened a grocery store on Eufaula street. * * Miss Eliza Ellis has returned from Montgomery, Ala. * * The people here are praising The Freeman. * * Rev. J. B. Shaw was in the city Monday. * * The churches were well attended Sunday. Rev. R. T. Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist church, preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. * * At the South Side Babtist church at 11 a. m. Rev. A. S. Perry preached from John 6:20. Subject, "It is I, be not afraid." Rev. Perry preached at night from John 5:8. Subject, "Take up thy bed and walk." * * At St. Luke A. M. E. church Rev. W. C. Banton filled the pulpit at each service. The sermons were well delivered and appreciated.* * Subscribe for The Freeman, the leading Negro journal, $1.50 a year. W. H. Wallace agent.

Wright Cuney Dead.

Houston, Tex. , Special.—Hon. N. Wright Cuney died on the 3rd inst in San Antonio, Tex., where he has been quite ill for some time. Hon. Cuney was the greatest Negro statesman and leader the State of Texas has ever produced. In politics he had no equals, regardless of race. He would always contend for what he believed to be right, if he went down. He was a man of high principle. Mr. Cuney leaves a clean record behind him. In making speeches he often said, "The highest of my ambition is to deal honestly with my fellowman." Hon. N. W. Cuney was to Texas what Hon. Fred Douglass was to America. He was loved for his ability, he was loved for his honesty, he was loved for the bold stand he took in working for the good of the country and his race. Who can fill his place? is no small question. The following are his words: "Young men, take high grounds." He is dead, but his name will live, unwritten history must give his name space .

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Dots.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Elder Johnson preached two eloquent sermons at St. Stephens, quarterly meeting day. * * The mushroom social cleared $6.09, and the fair $39.20. * * The Tribe of Simeon will give an entertainment at Prov. Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, March 15.

Muncie Notes.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Conway was called to Cambridge City to be present at the bedside of her father, who is seriously ill. * * Miss Nannie Riffe, of Indianapolis, is the guest of her brother, Robert Riffe, of Kirby avenue. * * Mrs. Denie Benson, of Urbana, O., made a flying trip to Muncie, Sunday. * * The protracted meeting at the Second Baptist church has closed, with the membership increased by ten. Collection, $35 during the meeting. * * The "Klondike" entertainment last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robbins, on East Jackson street, in honor of Miss Nannie Riffe, of Indianapolis, was a very enjoyable affair. * * Industrial League is progressing nicely. They expect to establish groceries, etc., as soon as convenient. * * Missionary Society met at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening and served refreshments. * * Quite a number attended general class at the A. M. E. church last Sunday morning, it being the first Sunday in the month. * * It is rumored that Muncie will loose some of her old residents in the near future. They will seek a more "industrious clime."

A Well Known Citizen Dead.

Racine, Wis., Special.—P. B. Moore, one of the best known colored men in the city, was found dead in his room last Friday. Deceased was about fifty-three years of age and came to Racine about twenty years ago from Canada. He was buried Sunday. * * Charles Cole was arrested for burglary. * * Thomas Campbell and Walter Miles visited in Racine last Sunday. * * Rev. Boyd preached an able sermon Sunday at the A. M. E. church. Text, "We all do fade as a leaf."—Isaiah 64:6. * * Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell came from Milwaukee to attend her father's funeral. * * Oliver Davis is visiting in Milwaukee. * * Miss Mary Mosby is visiting in Chicago.

Brief Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.—The city school is progressing excellently. Rev. C. W. Gray, of Sheffield, Ala., spoke to the school on the 1st inst. * * Rev. A. L. Walker passed through the city on the 5th inst. * * Miss E. B. Nelson, of Athens, Ala., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. James last Sunday. Prof. G. W. Trenholm will organize a B. Y. P. U. at Barton, Ala., on the 12th inst. * * Rev. Sensabough, of the A. M. E. church, preached a practical sermon last Sunday. * * Mrs. Roberson, of Russellville, Ala., was the guest of Miss M. A. Walker last Saturday and Sunday. * * Miss J. F. Meredith was in the city a few days last week. All were glad to see her. * * Dr. C. O. Boothe, professor of theology in Selma University, will be here March 23-26, conducting a ministerial institute. Let all turn out and learn something from this able and noted divine. Dr. Boothe is a theologian and scholar of the highest type. Come on, Dr., for we welcome you.* * Read the Freeman.

Interesting News Notes.

Chambersburg, Pa., Special.—Quarterly Conference was held in St. James church on the 3rd by Presiding Elder Simpson. * * The Willing Workers held a reception at the parsonage of St. James church. * * Lafette Williams spent Sunday in Shippensburg with friends. * * Philip Brown is making a hit with Shumaker's fast horses. * * The last Thursday in this month Walter Smith and Mary Taylor will be married. * * Prof. George Campbell is the leader of the only colored band in the vally. * * Jos. Gardner has returned to Winchester, Va., after spending several weeks here. * * Hon. Moses Wells will speak on "Ghosts" in the near future. * * John C. Wye is now the owner of a Columbia zither musical instrument. * * Jas. Zall is in the apothecary business. * * Rev. Jos. Still has been ill, but is better .* * Rev. George Brabham has returned from Tennessee. * * Mrs. Eliza Grant is very ill. * * George Bell, of South Main street, is ill. * * Mrs. Ellen James is improving. * * Mr. Jacko delivered a lecture at St. James on the 9th and at Zion on the 7th. * * The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Anderson died on the 3rd. * * Mrs. Fannie Jones gave a social on the 3rd. * * Linsey Wilson is in the drug business.

Items.

New Albany, Ind., Special.—Miss Susie Thompson left yesterday for Indianapolis, where she will reside in the future. * * James Davis, of Columbus, O., a pharmacist and accomplished young man, was the guest of the Misses Williams on East Seventh street. * * The Misses Mitchem at their home, 232 Cherry street, gave a mask social and candy pulling last week. Many grotesque faces made their appearance. All present report having spent a most enjoyable evening. * * Rev. I. Tolliver is attracting large crowds at the Second Baptist church. Many conversions and accessions to the church have been the result. * *Miss Jessie Clay was in the city on business. * * The Peak Sisters, of Bethel A. M. E. church, assisted by the choir, gave an entertainment at Asbury Chapel, Louisville, Ky., Tuesday.

Jottings.

Demopolis, Ala., Special.—A. B. Bryant was in Mobile. While there he visited the Mardi Gras. * * Messrs Bryant, Sledge, Gibbbs and W. H. Lackett have organized a string band. They will visit Uniontown on the 15th and will furnish music for the Scott-Akins wedding on the 30th. Dr. Pettiford, D. D., of Birmingham, was in the city several days conducting the New Era Institute for ministers. The Institute was excellently managed.

From Decatur.

Decatur, Ill., Special.—The concert on the 3rd inst. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earnest was a grand success both from a literary and financial standpoint. They cleared $51.41, all of which will be used for repairing the church. * * Miss Maude Benbow spent a few days in Montecello visiting her uncle, Mr. Wm. Wind, who is very sick. * * Miss Jennie Holland, of Monticello, visited in the city a few days. * * Our local artists are busy organizing a minstrel troupe. * * Mr. J. M. Campbell, general traveling agent for World Wide Bible House, is in the city, appointing. Mr. Campbell will go from here to Bloomington.

From Dyersburg, Tenn.

* * Rev. Alger Gurrin, pastor First Baptist church of Ripley, Tenn., spent Saturday in the city, the guest of Dr. W. F. Baker, D. D. * * Emanuel Parker has embarked in the swine and poultry business. * * George Stewart was in the city on Thursday. * * Prof. G. D. Jelkes, A. B., will lecture at Salter's Chapel A. M. E. church on Friday evening, March 18. Subject, "Is it Proper and Right for a Christian People to Play Cards?" * * Robt. Persley was in the West End on Saturday. * * Let us have a Young Men's Christian Association in this city and a Pastor's Union. * * Prof. Jno. N. Parr has moved to the countr, where he will engage in agriculture during the coming season. * * Mrs. Mattie Bonnett has been sick several months. * * Mrs. Luella Fumbanks has moved to 199 North Church streeet, corner Tucker avenue. * * Mrs. Bunk Woodson died at her home near Hail's Point. She was ar good Christian lady. * * Pete Thomas, ruling elder in the C. P. church at Finley, Tenn., bears the honor of being the most eloquent speaker in that vicinity. * * Miss Pearl Grayson has been on the sick list during the past week. * * Mrs. Jane Johnson has moved to 174 West Cedar. * * Mrs. Lewis Branch is stopping at the Mat. C. Cornell residence. * * Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Rivers are comfortably located in their new quarters on Connell avenue. * * George Matthews has been on the sick list several days. * * Mrs. Jane Eddie, of the Finley settlement, is dangerously ill. * * Finis Lyte has taken unto himself a spouse. May prosperity and happiness crown their every effort. * * Miss Daisy Moore, of Millington, is visiting Mrs. Amanda Doyle. A party will be given in her honor by Mrs. Helen Lyte and Mrs. Doyle. * * Miss Hester Burry, of Princeton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson.

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For Recorder, Marion County.

LEWIS G. AKIN.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention, Saturday, April 16.

For Coroner.

DR. A. W. BRAYTON.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

For Commissioner First District

JAS. E. GREER.

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

For Justice of the Peace.

WILLIAM S. LOCKMAN.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Township Convention, March 19, 1898.

For Justice of the Peace, Center Township.

FRANK M. HAY.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Township Convention.

For Justice of the Peace.

JOHN W. SEARS.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Township Convention, March 19.

For Treasurer, Marion County.

ARMIN C. KOEHNE.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

For Treasurer, Marion County.

E. J. ROBISON.

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